William S. McChesney States That on about the 5th day of this month he went in company with Dr Geo R. C. Todd to the residence of Mrs Elizabeth C Todd in Franklin County for the purpose of seeing such of the slaves of Robt. S. Todd dec'd as were by a late decree of the Fayette circuit court to be sold by Thos S. Redd Comr—

The said Slaves had been appraised by J. R. Sloan & Waller Rodes under an order of said Court as this affiant had understood & the court as affiant had also understood had authorized The said Commissioner to sell them at private sale at the appraised price if that price could be obtained for them & if not then they were to be sold publickly —

Affiant saw Mrs Todd & informed her of the object of his visit — He was permitted to see a negro woman & one of her children then at Mrs Todd's — The residue of the negroes (said) Peni & Harvey, being at the residence of Mr Hunt Harvey's —

— In a conversation then had with Mrs Todd she said the negroes were appraised at too high a price — She also said she had informed Mr Redd the Comr that she had understood that Dr George R. C. Todd had complained that the appraisement was too low & that he might sell them to George or to any one else if he or any one else would give a higher price than the valuation

— Mrs Todd said that Penn & Harvey were appraised at too high a price — that Penn was delicate & subject to a bleeding at the nose & that the face of Harvey was badly scarred

Affiant & Dr Todd did not see Penn & Harvey, but came on to Lexington & on the next day Dr Todd

purchased Penn & Harvey of Mr Redd the Comr - gen. five dollars above the appraised price on each —

Dr Todd paid $500 in hand to the Comr & executed his bond for the payment of the residue with Dr Jno R. Desha & this affiant as Security & Thereupon the Comr gave to Dr Todd an order to Mr Humphreys who had charge of the negroes to deliver them to Dr Todd —

Affiant went with Dr Todd to the residence of Mr Humphreys — handed the order to his wife, he being absent, and received the negroes

— The sale being thus concluded and finally as affiant supposed, he this affiant with the consent of Dr Todd sold & deliverd the negro Harvey to Greenup Remington of Cynthiana for some cash & the balance in cash notes —

The negro Harvey had a wife & children belonging to Mr Bell about Ten miles from Georgetown & between that & Frankfort — As Harvey was anxious to be near his wife, Dr Todd prevailed on Mr Webb of Harrison County to purchase her & her children which he did & which would not have been done as affiant believes but for the facts aforesd

Affiant further states that said negroes were at the time badly clothed & destitute of bed-clothing - at all events such was their condition when delivered to Dr Todd — Dr Todd after his purchase supplied them with such clothing as was necessary including Blankets to an amount exceeding $20.00 - His expenses on the trip including that of removing the negroes to his Home in Harrison County were about $10. in addition — making the whole extra cost at least

$30.00

and further saith not —

W. S. McChesney

Fayette Circuit Court Office 19. Octo 1852
Sworn to by W. S. McChesney
Att Thos. S. Todd
C.C.K.

Dr Geo. R. C. Todd states that the foregoing affidavit has been read to him — that it was given in his presence & that each & every statement therein is true — He therefore adopts the same as his own affidavit —

Geo. R. C. Todd

Fayette Circuit Court Office 19th Octo 1852
Sworn to by Geo. R. C. Todd
Att Thos. S. Todd
C.C.K.

The said Geo. R. C. Todd also now in addition to the foregoing ~~now~~ has ~~we~~ been willing & is now ready & willing & now offers to purchase the residue of said slaves at the price fixed on them by the appraisers — He will give & now offers to give the sum of five dollars in addition to their appraised value

Geo. R. C. Todd