body alone to emancipate the said Eli and at the same time permit him to remain an inhabitant of the State, your Petitioner has ventured to make this appeal to your Honorable Body to effect the wishes of his Testator, and which your Petitioner believes under the circumstances of the case, humanity sanctions, and sound policy does not forbid. Your Petitioner is informed and believes, the said Eli is about thirty eight years of age, is industrious and of good moral character. Your Petitioner understands and believes that Eli, was at all times, a faithful & trusty servant to his master, & during the latter part of his master's life, his exemplary and affectionate conduct towards him, became conspicuous. For some years previous to his death, the said Godwin Cotton became remarkably dissipated, and when intoxicated, being single man, with no white person in family, was disposed to stroll about Town in pursuit of company, exposing himself; and being generally in the possession of money, to the great hazard of sustaining considerable loss. It was on such occasions that Eli, mostly out of Town, would, with a solicitude, worthy of all praise, seek his master, and by his entreaties, prevail on him to return to his residence &c;