

To the Honorable the Judge of the
Fifth District Court of New Orleans -

Respectfully represents
Elizabeth Mitchell Potts - of New
Orleans - That she is a free woman
of Mexican Indian parentage on the
maternal side & that her father was
white & not a person of color nor
had he any African blood - That
he was a citizen of the United
States - That her parents are both
dead -

Her ~~alibi~~ - that she is held as a
slave & unjustly restrained of her freedom
by one Maria Ann Voss of this city -

That she is evidently white
& manifestly not of African origin -
She prays for the writ of Habeas
Corpus from this Hon Court - that
the said Madame Voss be directed to
have your petitioner present before you
at each convenient time as your
Honor will order & that she then shew
cause if any she can, why & by what
means she restrains your petitioner of
her liberty - and that the decree of
your Honor may be rendered, after
hearing & view that your petitioner
is not a slave, but that she is
white & entitled to all the rights &
privileges of a free white person & for
general relief & protection -

And as in duty bound &c

By her atty Wheelock S. Upton

Personally appear the petitioner & makes oath that
all the averments in this petition
are

and true -

Elizabeth Mitchell Pott

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this 13th July 1848
Jno. Parsons
G. Lk.

Personally appears Elizabeth Pott
Parsons of New Orleans -
+ on oath declares that she is well
acquainted with Elizabeth Mitchell
or Elizabeth Mitchell Pott - the
petitioner - that she is about
sixteen years of age - that the
mother of the petitioner was not
of African origin but was of
Indian blood, & free & that her
father was an American citizen
formerly of Richmond Virginia -
that both her parents are dead -

Elizabeth Pott

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this 13th July 1848
Jno. Parsons
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11th Aug 1848.
The Hon. Mr. Chief Justice.
Ad.
28th July 1848.
Judgment.
1456.
11th Aug 1848.
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This Cause being this day submitted by consent of parties, and the Court, considering the pleadings & evidence, it is adjudged and decreed, that there be judgment entered in favor of Poff; decreeing that as to the debt, the Poff, be free and entitled to her freedom, and that said Debt, be forever prohibited from setting up any claim or title to said Poff, as a slave; and that Debt pay costs.

Judgment rendered 28th July 1848.
Signed 11th August 1848.
Am. Buchanan
Judge