

To the honorable Charles Mannin, - of
the Parish Court, in and for the Parish and
City of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana.

The petition of Abraham Rivers, esq -
= respectfully represents

That your petitioner was born in the State
of South Carolina; that his maternal
Grandmother was an Indian woman,
who, together with his mother, lived in
the family of Mrs Rivers in the City of
Charleston; that your petitioner continued
with said family, until ten or eleven years
ago, when he was brought to this City and
sold as a slave, and he is now in the
possession of Peter A. Rock Esq residing
in the City of New Orleans. And your
petitioner alleges that he is by birth enti-
=tled to be free, and cannot be legally
held in slavery. Wherefore

he prays to be permitted to buy for his
freedom; that the said Rock be com-
pelled to appear and answer this petition, and
after due proceedings had that your
petitioner have judgment for his freedom,
and all other relief that his case may
require.

And as in duty bound

Geo. T. Kearney,
for Petitioner

6949
Panel Court.

Abraham Rims

vs

J. A. Root

Petition

Suit for

freedom

Geo. T. Kearney,
for petitioner

I accept the service of this
petition and make the formal
notes of citation.
May 24th 1853

Geo. T. Kearney, Esq. be appointed
counsel ad-hoc to the petitioner, and let him be
authorized to sue as herein proposed
May 24th 1853
J. A. Root