

To The Honorable the Judge of the 1st District holding Court in & for the parish of East Baton Rouge & State of Louisiana

The petition of Adeline a free woman of Indian Blood respectfully represents that she has been illegally committed to jail as a runaway slave and is now as such illegally detained in jail therein kept & confined by Benjamin Bryan the jailor to her great injury, inconvenience & damage. Represents that she is free born as age as her color, complexion and hair fully denote, and therefore she prays that your Honor will grant to her a writ of Habeas Corpus that she be brought before your Honor by said Benj. Bryan jailor with an order to show cause why she is detained & that she be fully discharged & set at liberty & for general relief.

Ann Gill
Atty^s for Pts

State of Louisiana
Parish of East Baton

Rouge ——— Personally appeared before me, the above Petitioner Adeline who being duly sworn says the facts stated in this petition are true known to & subscribed by
before me this 27th June 1857. her & mark
Not knowing how to make mark her mark
A. Chouin

2 It is writ of Habeas
Corpus ~~et~~ as mag. oc
for returnable before me this
day at the Clerk's office
at St. O. before the
twenty seventh day of June 1857
J. C. Burd

Subj. from 12 and 13

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Jr. 1st District Court
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Benjamin Bryan Sailor returned that
the petitioner Adeline was committed
as a runaway claiming at the time
to be free on the 14th April 1851.
- It appearing from the color, complex-
ion, and hair of petitioner that
she is of Indian extraction, which
raises a presumption of freedom
Coupled with the suspicions of Benjamin
Bryan of the conduct of petitioner
and his testimony that the reported
owner did not claim her on
apert ~~as~~ claim to demand
her notwithstanding she was notified
and the testimony of J Beauregard
that he had communicated to
Mrs Johnson of New Orleans the
reported owner the fact of her
detention, and her silence
for some time with suspicion
of not being her ~~slave~~ ^{intended}
As the jurisprudence of the country
that she is left black raises the
presumption of freedom & being detained
for nearly 3 months & there being
no contestant. It is therefore ordered
that she be discharged.

June 27 1851

J J Bush
Judge in the District Court

No. 853.
1st Dist. Court
East Baton Rouge

Adeline
In
Habeas Corpus

Filed June 27
1851
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Discharge