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His Excellency John Graves Simcoe Esquire  
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief  
of the Province of Upper Canada &c, &c, &c

The Petition of Adam Newman

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner some time the  
beginning of March last sold a Negroe Woman, which Woman  
he had some time before purchased of Benjamin Hardison  
of Niagara; and since the last Court of Quarter Sessions  
your Petitioner has been informed that an information  
had been lodged against him to the Attorney General: rela-  
tive to his proceedings in the Sale of said Negroe Woman; your  
Petitioner had received no information concerning the freedom  
of Slaves in this Province, except a report which prevailed  
among themselves, and if he has transgressed against the Law  
of his Country by disposing of Property (which from the legal-  
ity of the purchase from Benjamin Hardison) he nat-  
urally supposed to be his own, it was done without knowledge  
of any Law being in force to the contrary. Therefore if the Atter-  
ney General or any other person should proceed against your  
Petitioner in the premises he hopes that your Excellency in view  
the Inhabitants in General of this County look to as a Father  
and Protector may construe the proceeding as above related  
and your Petitioner can assure your Excellency that the said  
Negroe Woman behaved herself in such an unruly manner, latterly

that

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