

**K**NOW all Men by these Presents,  
That we Daniel Thomas, & Joshua  
Longstreet both of the city of Philadelphia  
are held and firmly bound unto JOHN HALL, Esquire, Marshal  
of and for the Pennsylvania District, in the sum of  
Four Hundred Dollars —

to be paid the said JOHN HALL, or his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; for which payment well and truly to be made and done, we do bind ourselves and each of us, for and in the whole, our and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and every of them jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, dated the ~~Seventeenth~~  
day of ~~October~~ in the ~~twenty fifth~~ year of American Independence, Annoque Domini, One thousand Eight hundred

**W**HEREAS the above bound ~~on~~ Daniel Thomas —  
hath received from the said JOHN HALL a female —  
African named ~~Maria~~ Ganges, —  
aged ~~nine~~ years, —  
being one of those who were brought  
into the port of Philadelphia, on board the schooner, called the Phebe,  
on the ~~fourth~~ day of ~~August~~ in this present year,  
captured by the United States sloop of war the Ganges, commanded by  
John Mullowny, Esquire.

**N**OW the Condition of the above Obligation is  
such, That if the suit or suits, claim or claims for restitution of the said  
Africans, now depending, or hereafter may be prosecuted in the District  
Court of the United States for the Pennsylvania District, by Matthew  
Balthagar and Augustine Bodequin, or by William McCleod or James Munro,  
be finally determined in favour of the said African named ~~Maria~~  
~~Ganges~~

or if the same, or the suit of the United States against the schooner Phebe  
shall be finally determined in favour of the claimant or claimants, in such  
suit or claim, and in such case, the said ~~Daniel Thomas~~ shall  
deliver the said African ~~Maria~~  
if alive, to the said John Hall, or his assigns, then the above obligation  
to be void, else of force.

*Dan'l Thomas*

Sealed and delivered in the  
presence of

W<sup>th</sup> Harrison

*B<sup>th</sup> Ceras*

*Joshua Longstreet*