

The State of Indiana } Feb Term 1860
Knox County Circuit } set

Against the Lasselle (Plt) complains of Joseph Huffman (deft) in custody of a plea that he render unto him the said Plt the sum of ~~ten~~ ^{ten} dollars which he owes to and unjustly detains from him for that whereas, the said Plt never does or did for a long time ~~past~~ (to wit) for the space of fourteen years has owned a certain ~~negro~~ woman of color named Polly, whose services by the laws of the land he is intitled to have, (to wit) at the county & circuit aforesaid. yet the said deft not regarding the statute in such case made and provided, did harbor or entertain said Polly, servant as aforesaid, without her having any certificate from any court, (having power to grant such of her freedom) for a long space of time (to wit) ~~fourteen~~ ^{fourteen} days commencing on the 9th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty and ending on the twenty seventh ^{day} of said month, during all which time the said deft did harbor and entertain said Polly servant as aforesaid (to wit) at the county and circuit of Knox aforesaid contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, by reason whereof and by force of the statute in such case made and provided, the said deft became liable to pay the said Plt the sum of one dollar

per day for every natural day day he did
so harbor or entertain said Polly, amounting
to the afore said sum of nineteen dollars
~~thereby~~ above demanded, and thereby
owed by force of the ^{said} statute in such case
made and proceeded ~~the~~ ~~in~~ an action
brought accrued to the said P^t to demand
and have of the said def^t the said sum
of nineteen dollars above demanded

yet the said def^t although often requested
both not paid the said sum of
dollars nor any part thereof but to do
so both hitherto wholly refused to the
damages of the P^t one hundred dollars
and therefore he sues

Calla Blake att^{or}
for P^t

