

Thursday Morning March 15<sup>th</sup> 1860 Court met according to adjournment  
None Present

The Hon Richard B. Carmichael Judge  
James G. Redden Esquire Sheriff

Robert J. Jump Clerk

The Foreman of the Grand Jury filed in Court here the following report, to wit:

"Circuit Court, March Term 1860.  
We the Grand Inquest for the State of Maryland for the body of Caroline County, in compliance with the requirements of duty have this day visited the County Jail, after having been courteously received by the Sheriff James G. Redden Esquire they proceeded to make the required investigation of its different apartments, to take pleasure in reporting the various apartments of the prison reformed in an excellent and clear condition with only six prisoners, deficient in nothing save bedding, which the Jury respectfully suggests should be increased in quantity.  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1860.

John M. Samples, For<sup>r</sup>

Court adjourns until to morrow Morning 9<sup>o</sup> O'clock

Friday Morning March 16<sup>th</sup> 1860 Court met according to adjournment  
None Present

The Hon Richard B. Carmichael Judge  
James G. Redden Esquire Sheriff

Robert J. Jump Clerk

Court adjourns until to morrow Morning Nine O'clock

Saturday Morning March 17<sup>th</sup> 1860 Court met according to adjournment  
None Present

The Hon Richard B. Carmichael Esquire Judge  
James G. Redden Esquire Sheriff

Robert J. Jump Clerk

Court adjourns until 27<sup>th</sup> March 1860. at 10. O'clock.

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1860 Court met according to adjournment  
None Present

The Hon R. B. Carmichael Judge  
James G. Redden Sheriff

Robert J. Jump Clerk

Samuel D. M. Sonigal Administrator of Robert M. Sonigal filed in Court here the following record, to wit:  
"State of Maryland & March Term of the Circuit Court for Caroline County 1860.  
Caroline County Sec 5

And now on this twenty seventh day of March in the year eight hundred and sixty, before the Honorable Richard B. Carmichael Judge of the Circuit Court for Caroline County, came Samuel D. M. Sonigal Administrator of Robert M. Sonigal late of Caroline County, deceased, (Admin<sup>r</sup> open Court made oath and says; That a certain negro Slave, named Jim overt service and labor to the said Samuel D. M. Sonigal Administrator of the said Robert M. Sonigal deceased, for life, agreeably to the laws of Maryland, did on or about the thirteenth day of September in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty one, escape and abscond from the service and labor of the said Samuel D. M. Sonigal, Administrator of the said Robert M. Sonigal deceased, and has not returned. And that the following is the description of the said negro slave Jim, to wit: He is about thirty three years of age; he is about five feet and ten inches in height; he has a large nose; he is squarish; he has dark chestnut complexion. And at the same time, in the said Court for Caroline County, of the State aforesaid, Joshua M. Sonigal appeared and made oath and says, that he knew the said negro Slave, Jim, herein mentioned and that the said negro is a Slave for life, of the said Samuel D. M. Sonigal Administrator of the said Robert M. Sonigal deceased, and that the said negro Slave Jim, escaped and absconded from the service and labor of the said Samuel D. M. Sonigal Administrator of the said Robert M. Sonigal deceased, as sworn to by the said Samuel D. M. Sonigal, and