owner proving title, to the same.

of course, no one supposed there was any doubt of his ability to do this, but the colonel refused to take his word insisting that as a slave could only be transferred by deed, that title in one could not be shown by parole. There was some sharp correspondence between the general, who was in fact only a captain and the colonel At first the former used the imperative mood very lavishly, but when the colonel threatened to bring the matter to the attention of the President, his language grew milder until at length he directed the claimant to produce his muniments of title.

This title consisted of a transcript of a court record showing that a colored person, claiming to be a free man, had been arrested as a vagrant having in possession no free papers nor a pass from any white employer as required by law, had after certain preliminaties which were fully recited, been fined the sum of twenty dollars and costs, on failure to pay which he had been put up at auction and sold to the lowest bidder, that is, the one who would take him for

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