

The Testimony of David Sutton of Lawfull Age is as follows  
 I have been well acquainted with Cesar a Negro, and  
 his Family; Servants to the Rev. Samuel Peters late  
 of Hebron, now of Great Britain, said Negroes Serv,  
 their Master faithfully, & was treated by him tenderly  
 During the Time that they liv'd together; after S. Peters  
 left Hebron which was in Sept. 1774, Cesar liv'd in his  
 House, & conducted his Business with Prudence, untill S.  
 Peters's Lands were taken & Leased out by the State of  
 Connecticut; at which Time S. Cesar & his Family were  
 turn'd off and supported themselves comfortably for  
 about five or six Year, without any Assistance from  
 their Master, or his Estate, except the Privilage of Fire  
 wood, altho at that Time S. Cesar had a Number of  
 small Children unable to do any Business towards  
 their own Support. After the National Peace S. Cesar  
 return'd to one of his S. Masters Houses & cultivated the  
 Farm which was much Damag'd by Tenants, and by  
 Industry & Frugality supported his Family, and at the  
 same Time was at no small Cost in repairing the  
 Fences & Buildings, & he has given his Family good  
 Schooling, and has been at considerable Expence by  
 Sickness, & I understand that he has paid all the  
 Taxes that have been call'd for; He liv'd in a comfortable  
 Throwing Situation, untill S. Peters appointed Mr  
 John Man & Nathaniel Man his Agents in America  
 after which S. Cesar was forbid to collect or pay Debts or  
 to trade in the most trifling Affairs, a Privilage that  
 he always enjoy, when under his S. Master Peters, and the  
 said Man, made it their constant Practice to Sex S. Negroes,  
 by threatening to sell them; and I understood that they the  
 S. Negroes were in fact sold to one Prior, to be sent to South  
 Carolina, & were forcibly taken & carried as far as Norwich  
 but they were Persu'd by a small Number of People from  
 Hebron, & Reser'd but a few Moments before their intended  
 Inbercation, we bro't S. Negroes back, & return'd them to the

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Home from whence they were taken and said Negros  
 are now in Daily Expectation of being sold & separate  
 said Casar, for a long Time after his Return was unable  
 to do any business being <sup>as I understand</sup> badly hurt by Irons; - said  
 has eight Children, the oldest about eighteen years of  
 age & the youngest about a year & half old, two of s<sup>d</sup>  
 Driv which were carried away by s<sup>d</sup> Man's & Prior were  
 free born, agreeable to a Law of this State. -  
 soon after the Return of said Negros, I saw a letter  
 from s<sup>d</sup> Peters, to one Mr. Buckingham, in which  
 wrote to said Buckingham to tell Doct. Man not to sell  
 his Negros; but to let them remain in State of

Question, ~~Did you ever~~ Have you ever heard s<sup>d</sup> Agents threaten  
 to <sup>sell</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Negros since they were rescued from Prior  
 Answer I have heard Mr. John Mansary that he must turn  
 one of s<sup>d</sup> Negros to settle an Execution in favour of Col. Eden  
 David Sutton

Dolland County of Helton January 5<sup>th</sup> 1789  
 then personally appeared David Sutton the  
 Subscriber to the ~~the~~ former going Deposition and made  
 Solomon oth to the truth of the same  
 Before mee Benjamin Buell Justice Peace  
 John man attorney to the s<sup>d</sup> Rev. Mr Samuel Peters  
 was notified and present at the taking, both these Depo  
 Opened in Gen Assembly Newhagen - Benj<sup>e</sup> Buell Justice; see  
 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1789 Test George Willys Clerk