

Letter Pertaining to a Freed Slave, May 25, 1816
From the Charleston, SC Marshall to the New Rochelle Post Master

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A Negroe Man calling himself George Markinson, is now in Confinement on Suspicion of being a fugitive Slave – Said Markinson states that he was born in New Rochelle State of New York – formerly was the property of Elias Gion – that said Gion freed him about five day ago. – he has no evidence of his freedom whatever with him – according to the Laws of this State he will [fragmentary] by the first of July (day 15th) unless proof is produced of his being free or claimed as some ones property –

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I have addressed this communication to you trusting that you'll exert yourself if Said Negroe is free to arrest him from Slavery; under a conviction, that the pleasure you'll derive from the freeing of a fellow Creature will render an apology unnecessary. I shall not affix my + – but subscribe myself

your /obt Serv. --
Othniel J. Giles
City Marshal

Charleston
May 25, 1816

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The
Post Master
New Rochelle
State of
New York
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Letter from the City
Marshall of Charleston
Respecting a black
1816