

Commonwealth,

^{vs}
Eli Howard, alias Parrot.

Upon an indictment
ment for felo.

Indictment Taken

Angus M. Wood - a witness for Common-
wealth, being first duly sworn, deposes & says:
^{Julia Ann}
~~The~~ ^{girl} or woman, whom this boy is
charged with having assisted in an at-
tempt to make her escape from her
Master, ~~Placidia Davis~~, of Hampshire
county - Mr. Davis brought his woman
and another to Lost River in Hardy
county, and placed them in my
charge. Julia Ann was hired to a
gentleman in my neighborhood by
the name of Chrisman. I think
on the 11th day of March, ^{April 1864} I received
a message from ~~heard~~ the girl had
gone off in company with this boy.
I took steps immediately to try and pre-
vent her escape, and on the next day
in the evening, Mr. Warden, ^{who is kept prisoner} brought
the boy & girl both to my house. I
know the boy was born free, but was
bound out by his mother.

Mr. Warden, being first sworn depo-
ses & says:

On the night following the
escape of the woman, I arrested her
and the boy, below my house; they
were travelling together on foot, in the
direction of Winchester. I asked the

girl where she was going, and she ^{said} was going to Winchester to see the girls. They were then about 14 miles on their road. I asked the boy where he was going and he said he was going there too. Winchester was then in possession of the enemy. I arrested them both, near a house, and had them guarded that night, and then brought them up next day. Julia Ann told me she was 20 years old.

By counsel for the prisoner -

I don't know that the boy enticed her away, ~~but~~ all I know is, I found them in company together. I had heard that one of my negroes had intended to go off with her. I arrested and confined my own negro in consequence of it. My negro boy, I think, had been intimate with her. I never heard of any intimacy between the girl and the boy I found with her. I found my man's clothes packed up, in the woods, about one o'clock of the day on which I arrested the negro woman & boy. The boy and girl passed my house about half past four o'clock in the morning. When I arrested them, there were only about two miles from the place where I first saw them in the morning. They laid about in the woods during the day. I found the clothes of two of my

boy - one of whom did run off. My boy is a very shrewd boy.

Isaac, slave of Jacob Chrisman -

I know that Julia Ann and Eli went away from Mr. Chrisman's in the night. Eli was working at Isaac Chrisman's that week. It's about a mile from Isaac to Jacob Chrisman's. It was tolerably late in the night when Eli came to Mr. Jacob Chrisman's. I had been asleep. They went away to from Mr. Chrisman's together. I heard them when they left.

By prisoner's counsel -

When Eli was at our house, he always slept with me. I don't know that he was intimate with Julia Ann. I heard that Dr. Warden's man was there ^{two or three} ~~that~~ nights before Eli came. ^{there} Dr. Warden's man came to see this girl once a week and sometimes oftener. He slept with her as his wife.

