

Fugitive Slave Law Commissioners.

In the matter of Caroline Slater, claimed by Mr. Conelly, of Rockville, Md.

This girl was seized, on Friday last, by an officer, under direction of Deputy Marshal Phillips, upon a warrant issued by Commissioner Phillips. Mr. Dean appeared as counsel for the fugitive, and after successive adjournments, the Commissioner, having received, as he stated, a letter from Mr. Bradley, counsel of the claimant, consenting to a release of the alleged slave, who had meantime been shut up in the "Bastille" of the District, the Commissioner, at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, ordered Caroline to be discharged.

Thus this woman, who had been for years hired out in this city by her owner up to and after the passage of the emancipation act, was snatched up without warning or notice, kept in the foul jail for several days on miserable fare, and finally discharged without reason assigned, or a hearing had.

We learn that Conelly, under legal advice, intends to apply for compensation under the emancipation law, although he has, under oath, declared her to be a fugitive slave. Is there no compensation for the injured free woman?