

N. Dec. 14, 1792

Unto the Honorable the General Assembly
of the State of North Carolina

The Petition of Sam^l Jasper Executor
of Caleb White demands

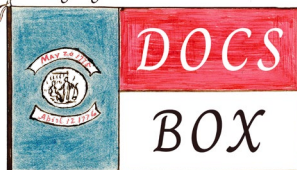
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That his Brother Caleb White by his Last
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Jack upon condition, that the said Jack would
pay the sum of £100 to his Executors

Sheweth that the services performed by the
said Jack were such as did great honor
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with making the said British Privateer
a Capture to the United States —
Sheweth that the said Negro Jack

at Annapolis in the year of
 Received the thanks of the Congress of the
 United States then sitting for the said service
 & recommendation to his master to liberate
 him. therefore; sheweth that the said Jack
 hath paid the sum of £100 as directed
 by the Will of your Petitioner Testator
 And your Petitioner pray, that the
 said Jack ^{by law} may be liberated, and
 your Petitioner as in duty bound shall
 ever pray.

Samuel Jasper Esqr of
 Caleb White



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*What 2 justifications for Jack's
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petition point out?*

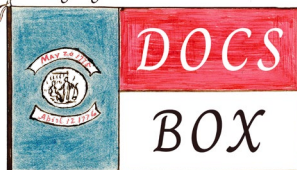
*How does the mention of congressional
recognition help Jack's case?*

Indian Town 17 Nov. 1792

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discover before we c^d. Prosecute our design by
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& 4 hands. they. Immediately confined us below
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dion on the quarter deck his hands being Ironed
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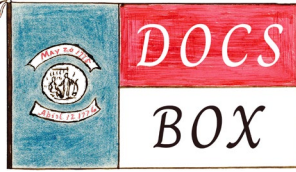
List the hardships Jack endured in February 1780:

The reason of his usage was because he never
 consent to join them and attempting to get out
 of Lions. However we ordered him to turn
 himself a Enemy to America this had the effect
 we wish. They loaded him from his Irons and
 he soon became their Right hand Man with
 Promises of freedom and Many Rewards after
 arriving at Jack but whenever he got an oppor-
 tunity of Speaking. he continued to tell us
 he was ready to assist us any Moment in the
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 Master got out of Lions gave the watch word and
 Engaged the Poor Master - Jack immediately
 Contrary to their Expectations Engaged two of
 of them which he soon wanted having no
 Weapon but a Muslin Spike In the Anterior
 I got out of Lions having Procured a Lullash
 but was much beaten before. I got out after
 blood shed on both sides we Cong. then
 which we captured and carried in to Annapolis
 & delivered to Congress. but by the wounds
 I first Jack received he never walk a day
 for five weeks after we returned home his
 Master abused him somewhat.

Jack apply to us for redress upon which
 My Brother bought him and in his last
 Will - sold to Jack his freedom for his Paying
 his D.D. 1000. He said fellow he knew him
 well. Honest and industrious is Very
 Manly to all and has Comanded a ship
 for one five years. Is trusted by Mr
 Daugherty with many Hundred Pound every
 year - Time fails
 adieu

Your friend

Sam Jasper



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*What did Jack's actions suggest
about his character?*

*What does the story tell us about
skills Jack had?*

*What did Jack sacrifice to assist in
this way?*

*What happened to Jack after the
heroic event?*