

Phoebe v. Betterton et al. Philadelphia. 1791

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Judge Biddle¹
adjudication of Mulat
to Phoebe Freedom
from Excutors of Benjaⁿ Betterton²

Mullattoe Phoebe	}	
V	}	
Rebecca Betterton &	}	Habeas Corpus ad Subjiciendum
Joseph Howell ³ & Joseph	}	
Reek Exrs of Benjamin	}	returnable before James
Betterton	}	Biddle Esq President of the
		Court of Common Pleas of Philad ^a
		County Aug 16 th 1791 ___

And now August 16, 1791 On a Hearing before me at my Chamber in the City of Philadelphia it appears that the said Mullattoe Phoebe for whom the above Habeas Corpus was obtained was a free Woman and that the Indenture by which she is bound can be of no further force than till her attaining the Age of Eighteen Years, which will [marred text] fifth Day of October next ___

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¹ James Biddle was the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia County in 1791. He lived at 245 High Street. Clement Biddle, *The Philadelphia Directory* (1791), 11.

² Prior to his demise earlier in the year, Benjamin Betterton had been a grocer and lived at 98 Sassafras Street. Clement Biddle, *The Philadelphia Directory* (1791), 10.

³ Joseph Howell was the paymaster general of the United States in 1791 and lived at 101 Sassafras Street, immediately adjacent to Benjamin Betterton. Clement Biddle, *The Philadelphia Directory* (1791), 10.