

Vigilance Committee Treasurer's Accounts, 1850-59

Explanatory

On the 15th Feb. 1851 Shadrach, a fugitive Slave from Virginia was arrested at the instance of John Caphart, a slave hunter from Norfolk Va. and taken before Commission[er] Curtis, who after the adjournment of the first examination, was rescued from the Suffolk Court house, by the colored people, & sent to Canada. For this brave act, Lewis Hayden, Robert Morris, James Scott & Elizur Wright were arrested, & tried before Judge Sprague of the U. S. Court, & were all acquitted: the expenses of these trials, are herewith recorded, & were defrayed by donations & contributions, entered on the opposite pages of this book.

Hon. John P. Hale, Richard H. Dana & Geo. Farley were the Lawyers employed to defend the rescuers.