

**Affidavit of Silvester Gilbert
Regarding 1789 Petition of Cesar and Lowis Peters and their Family
To Connecticut Legislature for Emancipation**

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The Testimony of Silvester Gilbert of Lawful age is as follows; that some time since Mr. Peters' Negros were sold to Prior I saw a letter from sd Peters addressed to Jur. P. Buckingham in which he directed Buckingham to tell Mr. Man to let his former Negros remain where they were & accordint to the best of my remembrance not to sell them – and further saith not – (s) Silvester Gilbert

Tolland County SS Hebron, January 5th, 1789

Then personally appeared Silvester Gilbert the Subscriber of the foer [sic] going Deposition and made Solom [sic] oth [sic] to the Truth of the same Befoer [sic] me.

(s) Benjm. Buell, Justice Peace