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Whereupon all and Singular the Premisses aforesaid and the Allegations and Evidences as well on the Part and behalf of the said Robert Freeland as the said Mulatto Bell being by the Court here seen heard fully understood and Matcht deliberation thereupon had It is Considered by the Justices here that the said Mulatto Bell aforsd from any further Servitude to the said Robt Freeland be hence Discharged and freed and so forth

Test Wm Hyde Clk

Robert Freeland
against
Mulatto Gregory

Memorandum the Plaintiff Sueth out this Writ of Certiorari the Tenor whereof follows in these words to wit

Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c

To the Justices of the Orphans Court of Calvert County Greeting we being willing for certain Causes to be Certified of the Record & Proceedings of a certain Petition for Freedom before you depending preferred by Mulatto Gregory against Robert Freeland Gentleman you & each of you that the Record and Proceedings aforesaid and upon the Petition aforesaid with all things thereunto relating as far as before you it remains by whatsoever Names the Parties in the same are distinguished to Our Justices of Our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May next under our Hands & Seals you send together with this Writ that our same Justices of our Provincial Court may further do thereon that which of Right they see ought to be done Witness John Bruce Esqr Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 23d Day of October in the 29th year of our Dominion & Annoque Domini 1755

R Burgess Clk

Issued Novr 16. 1754

(Writ)

Allowed by Jno Bruce

Which said third Tuesday of May to wit the 15th Day of the same Month Anno Dom 1755 being the day of the return of the foregoing Writ the Justices of the Orphans Court of Calvert County in Complaints hereinth mentd the following Record and Proceedings before them had to wit

May Term 1756

Calvert County ss.

At a County Court of the Right Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c Held at Prince Frederick Town in and for the said County the third Tuesday and 19th Day of November in the 28th Year of his said Lordships Dominion & Annoque Domini 1754 before

James Weems

Worshipful Gent Justices by his said Lordships Commission of the Peace in & for the said County Lawfully assigned &c

Thos Ireland Junr. ... Parker Young
John Clare ... Wm Fitzhugh Esqr.
Danl Arnold ... Saml Hughe
Young Parran ... Roger Millers
Major John Smith Gent Sheriff &c

Wm Ireland Clk

In the Records and Proceedings of the said County Court among others is found the following Proceedings Viz

Mulatto Gregory
a
Robert Freeland

Petition for Freedom, The Tenor whereof followeth in these Words Viz

To the Worshipful the Justices of Calvert County Court now setting the Petition of Mulatto Gregory

Humbly Sheweth. That your Petitioner is intituled to his Freedom Notwithstanding which he is held as a Slave by a certain Robert Freeland of this County Planter your Petitioner therefore prays a Summons against the said Robert Freeland returnable immediately to Answer the Premisses and that your Worships would Proceed therein according to Justice and he will pray and so forth

June 20th 1754 Ja Weems

The foregoing Petition being by the Court here seen and heard it is ordered that Summons Immediately issue for the said Robert Freeland to Answer the Premisses as prayed which was done accordingly and it is by the Sheriff of Calvert County to whom the same was directed returned Indorsed in the following Words Viz

(Summons)