Name was at the taking and subscribing the same and now is one of the State Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid thereunto duly Authorized Commissioned and Sworn and to all Certificates of Depositions by him so taken and signed due Faith and Credit is and ought to be given as well in Justice Court as thereout.

The County seal

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of Office for the County aforesaid this second day of October Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty

Timothy Bowes Clk.

State Agreed to this 17th day of May 1781.

J. A. Thomas. for Petitioners

T. Stone Council for Defendant.

Whereupon the said Thomas Hopewell by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court the following Appeal Bond viz.

Know all Men by these presents that We James Hopewell of Talbot County and Uriah Forrest of Annapolis are held and firmly bound unto Negroes Minta, Roger, Juda, Astin, Grace and Jack in the full and just Sum of One hundred and fifty thousand pounds of Crop Tobacco to be paid to the said Negroes Minta, Roger, Juda, Astin, Grace and Jack their Executors or Administrators to the which payment to be well and truly made and done we bind ourselves our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seal this 17th day of May Anno Domini 1781.

Whereas the above named Negroes Minta, Roger, Juda, Astin, Grace and Jack upon a Petition for Freedom obtained Judgment of the Honourable General Court against Thomas Hopewell that the said Minta Roger Juda Astin Grace and Jack were intitled to Freedom and that the said Thomas Hopewell discharge the said Negroes Minta Roger Juda, Astin Grace and Jack from his service and suffer them to go at large as free people and pay to the said Minta Roger, Juda Astin Grace and Jack the Costs arising due on the petition aforesaid from which Judgment the said Thomas Hopewell has appealed to the Court of Appeals Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the said Thomas Hopewell do and shall prosecute his said Appeal with Effect and do and shall pay to the said Minta Roger, Juda, Astin Grace and Jack all such Costs and damages as shall be to him adjudged by the Court of Appeals and do and shall discharge the said Minta Roger Juda Astin Grace and Jack from his service and suffer them to go at large as free people if the Court of Appeals shall so determine And do and shall suffer the said Minta Roger Juda Astin Grace and Jack to attend the Court of Appeals whenever the same sits And do and shall pay to the said Minta Roger Juda, Astin Grace and Jack reasonable hire or Wages such as shall be adjudged by the said Court from the time of filing their Petition aforesaid if the Court of Appeals shall determine them to be free And do and shall untill a full determination can be had in the premises treat and use the said Minta Roger, Juda, Astin, Grace and Jack properly then the above Obligation to be void otherwise to be in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us

T. Stone

Wm. H. McPherson.

James Hopewell (Seal)

Uriah Forrest (Seal)

It is therefore Ordered that the Record and Proceedings in the premises aforesaid be transmitted to the High Court of Appeals accordingly

Test

Thomas Brooke Hodgkin Clk.

For the Remainder of the Judgments of May Term 1781 See Book marked TBH No 2. Page 481.