wit Thomas Marwood Esquire to whom the same writ was directed returned summoned Thos. Marwood Shff. A. A. County. And the said Thomas Rutland by Thomas Marwood who by the Court here is especially appointed his Guardian to defend this suit comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth. Whereupon all and singular the premises aforesaid and the allegations and evidence as well on the part and behalf of the said Sarah Prout as the said Thomas Rutland being by the Court here seen heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had It is considered by the Judges here that the said Sarah Prout of and from any further servitude to the said Thomas Rutland be hence discharged and free and it is also considered that the said Sarah Prout recover against the said Thomas Rutland the sum of pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto her on her Absent adjudged for her costs and Charges by her about her Suit in this behalf laid out and expended by occasion of the premises.

Test Thos. B. Hodgkin Cl.

Ff. Arthur Prout } Petition
against } To the Honorable the General Court for the Western Shore of
ppts. Thomas Snowden } Maryland now in Court Sitting.

The humble Petition of Arthur Prout sheweth to your honours that your Petitioner is unjustly and illegally deprived of his liberty and detained in Slavery by Thomas Snowden of Prince George County although the said Thomas Snowden is sensible that your Petitioner is one of the defendants of old Mulatto Catherine Prout deceased who formerly lived with John Ford of the County aforesaid now deceased and is well entitled to his freedom, Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays your honours to take his case into Consideration and afford him such relief in the premises as is agreeable to Law and consonant to Justice and as to your honours shall seem meet and that the said Thomas Snowden may be compelled by process of your honourable Court to be and appear before your honours immediately to answer the premises and that Subpanas may issue for the following witnesses to wit Gerard Hopkins Thomas Francis Linthicum John Hardisty Robert Hardisty and John Haines of Ann Arundel County and your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray and so forth.

J. T. Chase for the Petitioner

Which being read and heard and mature deliberation thereupon had it was ruled and ordered by the Court that Summons issue agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition against Thomas Snowden of Ann Arundel County for his appearance here this Court to answer the complaint of the said Petitioner which issued accordingly and was by the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to wit Thomas Marwood Esquire to whom the same writ was directed returned Summoned Thos. Marwood Shff. A. A. County. And the said Thomas in his proper person comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth. Whereupon all and singular the premises aforesaid

and the allegations and evidence as well on the part and behalf of the said Arthur Prout as the said Thomas Snowden being by the Court here seen heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had It is considered by the Judges here that the said Arthur Prout of and from any further servitude to the said Thomas Snowden be hence discharged and free. And it is also considered that the said Arthur Prout recover against the said Thomas Snowden the sum of pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his absent adjudged for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended by occasion of the premises.

Test Thos. B. Hodgkin Cl.

Ff. Richard Prout } Petition
against } To the honourable the General Court for the Western Shore of
ppts. John Bruce } Maryland now in Court Sitting.

The humble Petition of Richard Prout sheweth to your honours that your Petitioner is unjustly and illegally deprived of his liberty and detained in Slavery by John Bruce of Ann Arundel County although the said John Bruce is sensible that your Petitioner is one of the defendants of old Mulatto Catherine Prout deceased who formerly lived with John Ford of the County aforesaid now deceased and is well entitled to his freedom, Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays your honours to take his Case into Consideration and afford him such relief in the premises as is agreeable to Law and consonant to Justice and as to your honours shall seem meet and that the said John Bruce may be compelled by process of your honourable Court to be and appear before your honours immediately to answer the premises and that Subpanas may issue for the following witnesses to wit Gerard Hopkins Thomas Francis Linthicum John Hardisty Robert Hardisty and John Haines of Ann Arundel County and your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray and so forth.

J. T. Chase for the Petitioner

Which being read and heard and mature deliberation thereupon had it was ruled and ordered by the Court that Summons issue agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition against John Bruce of Ann Arundel County for his appearance here this Court to answer the Complaint of the said Petitioner which issued accordingly and was by the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to wit Thomas Marwood Esquire to whom the same writ was directed returned Summoned, Thos. Marwood Shff. A. A. County. And the said John Bruce in his proper person comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth. Whereupon all and singular the premises aforesaid and the allegations and evidence as well on the part and behalf of the said Richard Prout as the said John Bruce being by the Court here seen heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had It is considered by the Judges here that the said Richard Prout of and from any further servitude to the said John Bruce be hence discharged and free. And it is also considered that the said Richard Prout recover against the said John Bruce the sum of pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his Absent adjudged for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out