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and appended by occasion of the premises

Test Thos. B. Hodgkin Cl.

Solomon Prout
against
Thomas Rutland

Petition

To the honourable the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland now in Court Sitting

The humble Petition of Solomon Prout Sheweth to your honours that your Petitioner is unjustly and illegally deprived of his liberty and detained in Slavery by Thomas Rutland of Ann Arundel County although the said Thomas Rutland is Sensible that your Petitioner is one of the Defendants of ole 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 agreable to Law and consonant to Justice and as to your honours shall seem meet and that the said Thomas Rutland may be compelled by process of your honorable Court to be and appear before your honours immediately to answer the premises and that Subpenas 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 Rutland 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 Harwood Esquire to whom the same writ was directed returned Summoned Thos. Harwood Shff A A County - And the said Thomas Rutland by Thomas Harwood of Ann Arundel County 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 Solomon 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 Solomon Prout of and from any further servitude to the said Thomas Rutland be hence discharged and freed and it is also considered that the said Solomon Prout recover against the said Thomas Rutland the Sum of

pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his assent adjudged for his costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended by occasion of the premises

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Thos. B. Hodgkin Cl.

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Charles Prout
against
Thomas Rutland

Petition

To the honorable the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland now in Court Sitting

The humble Petition of Charles Prout Sheweth that your Petitioner is unjustly and illegally deprived of his liberty and detained in Slavery by Thomas Rutland of Ann Arundel County although the said Thomas Rutland is sensible that your Petitioner is one of the defendants of ole 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 agreable to Law and consonant to Justice and as to your honours shall seem meet and that the said Thomas Rutland may be compelled by process of your honourable Court to be and appear before your honours immediately to answer the premises and that Subpenas 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 Rutland 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 Harwood Esquire to whom the same writ was directed returned Summoned Thos. Harwood Shff A A County And the said Thomas Rutland by Thomas Harwood of Ann Arundel County 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 Charles 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 Charles Prout of and from any further servitude to the said Thomas Rutland be hence discharged and freed And it is also considered that the said Charles Prout recover against the said Thomas Rutland the Sum of

pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his assent adjudged for his costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended by occasion of the premises

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Thos. B. Hodgkin Cl.

Ann Prout
against
Joseph Howard Exor of
Thomas Rutland Senior

Petition

To the honorable the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland now in Court Sitting

The humble Petition of Ann Prout sheweth to your honours that your Petitioner is unjustly and illegally deprived of her Liberty and detained in Slavery