Henry Hill. Your Petitioner prays your Honors to hear her complaint against the said Henry Hill, and to declare her Free, with all her Children; and for that purpose your Petitioner prays that Summons may issue against the said Henry Hill to appear and answer this Petition, and that he be obliged to permit your Petitioner to attend the Court, and not to sell your Petitioner out of the State, or do any other act to prevent your petitioner from attending the Court; and your Petitioner also prays that the said Henry Hill may be compelled to produce before the Court in some reasonable time, the said three children of your Petitioner sent by him out of the State as above set forth. And your Petitioner will pray. —

Whereupon, it is ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of Subpoena ad respondendum issue upon the said Petition. Thereupon, the said Elizabeth Butler by her attorney aforesaid, prosecutes and sues forth out of the General Court here the said writ against the said Henry Hill, directed to the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County in form following tovit. — The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Saint Marys County, Greeting: We command you that you Summon Henry Hill late of Saint Mary's County that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court now holding at the City of Annapolis, immediately, to answer the Petition of Elizabeth Butler preferred against him for Freedom: Hereof he is not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 18th day of October Annodomini 1789. Issued the 19th day of October 1789. — Jno. Gwinn Clk.

And the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County aforesaid, to whom the said summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed tovit. "Summoned — P. Ford, Sheriff".

Whereupon, comes into the General Court here, the said Henry Hill by John Allen Thomas his attorney; Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here, is continued until the second Tuesday of May next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, andsoforth. —

At which said second Tuesday of May being the Eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Elizabeth Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Hill by his (his

his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here, is further continued until the second Tuesday of October next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, andsoforth. —

At which said second Tuesday of October being the Twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety, come again into the General Court here as well the said Elizabeth Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Hill by his attorney aforesaid. — Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here, is further continued until the second Tuesday of May next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, andsoforth. —

At which said second Tuesday of May being the Tenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one, come again into the General Court here as well the said Elizabeth Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Hill by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here, is continued further until the second Tuesday of October next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, andsoforth. —

And now at this day tovit, the said second Tuesday of October being the Eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Elizabeth Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Hill by Philip Barton Key his attorney; And the said Elizabeth Butler by her attorney aforesaid files in Court here the Deposition of John Butler, which ensues and is of the Tenor following tovit. —

Ignatius Butler vs Joseph Simms. } John Butler aged sixty nine years upwards, being sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth saith that he knows Rebecca the mother of Ignatius a petitioner against Joseph Sims now present ever since he was seven years old, the said Rebecca was always reputed to be the daughter of Jane Butler who was daughter of Irish Nell a Free white woman, and Rebecca aforesaid hath obtained her Freedom on a Petition against Mary Shervin. — He further saith that Ralph Butler now present, a petitioner for his Freedom against John Lucas is son of Nel Butler sister of Rebecca the mother of Ignatius aforesaid; and this Deponent saith he knew Ralph ever since he was a child; and