Lucy Butter against James Atwood } Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the Twenty first day of March — in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two;

Lucy Butler, the Petitioner in this case, by Gabriel Duvall her attorney, prefered to the Court here her Petition for Freedom against James Atwood in the words and of the tenor following, to wit:

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court: The Petition of Lucy Butler, humbly sheweth, that she is held in Slavery by James Atwood of Montgomery County; and she is advised that she is entitled to be free, being descended, in the female line, from a Free white woman named Eleanor Butler. She therefore prays your Honors, the premises being considered, to discharge her from the custody of the said James Atwood; if she should prove her Descent as aforesaid, and that Summons may issue for the said James Atwood to answer this Petition, and she will pray &c soforth

— — G. Duvall for the Pet.r —

Thereupon, on motion of the said Lucy Butler by her attorney aforesaid, it is ruled and ordered by the Court here that the said James Atwood do not remove the said Lucy Butler out of this State, nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time in support of his Petition for Freedom, prefered to the Court here; and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use the said Lucy Butler well: It is further ruled and ordered by the Court here that the writ of the State of Maryland of Summons issue forth out of the General Court here against the said James Atwood to answer unto the said Petition of the said Lucy Butler, which accordingly issues directed to the Sheriff of Montgomery County, in the words and of the tenor following, to wit: The State of Maryland, S.t To the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Greeting: We command you that you summon James Atwood late of Montgomery County, that all excuses and delays be set aside he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next, to answer the Petition of Lucy Butler prefered 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 Samuel Chase Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 14.th day of February Anno domini 1792. — (G.D.)

Issued the 21.st day of March 1792. — Sn.l Irwinn Clk.

And now at this day to wit, the said second tuesday of May, being the Eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two, and the day of the return of the said aforegoing Summons, comes into the General Court here the said Lucy Butler by her attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Montgomery County, to whom the said Summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit: Summoned — Sol.: Holland, Sheriff. — And the said James Atwood so forewarned, now here comes in his proper person, and saith, that he cannot deny the complaint aforesaid of the said Lucy Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, so as aforesaid made, nor but that the said Lucy Butler the petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to her Freedom, being descended, in the female line, from a free white woman named Eleanor Butler, in manner and form as the said Lucy Butler by her said Petition to the Court here prefered against him the said James Atwood above hath alleged: and thereupon the said Lucy Butler by her attorney aforesaid, prays that she may be dismissed and discharged from the service of the said James Atwood, together with her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her said Petition, to her to be adjudged, andsoforth. Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Lucy Butler the Petitioner aforesaid recover of and against the said James Atwood her Freedom, and that she be hence freed and discharged of and from the service of the said James Atwood, and that she the said Lucy Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, go freed and discharged thereof without day, andsoforth. And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Lucy Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said James Atwood the quantity of Five hundred and thirty nine pounds of tobacco, by the Court here unto the said Lucy Butler on her assent adjudged, for her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her said Petition in this Behalf laid out and expended, and that she have thereof her Execution, andsoforth. —

Test John Irwinn Clerk.

William Butler against Samuel Bond. } Be it remembered, that heretofore to wit, on the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety, William Butler by Henry Ridgely his attorney prefered and filed in Court here his Petition for Freedom against