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 26th day of June Anno domini 1789. —

Issued the 29th day of July 1789. —(S.O.) Jno. Irvine clk. —

At which said second Tuesday of October, being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, and the day of the return of the aforegoing summons, comes into the General Court here, the said Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid; and the sheriff of Saint Mary's County aforesaid to whom the said aforegoing summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit. — "Summoned, — Philip Ford, Sheriff." — And the said John Ford being so forewarned, comes into the General Court here, by Philip Barton Key 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 said parties, then, and so forth.

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 Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Ford 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 October next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, and so forth.

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 Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Ford 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, and so forth.

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 Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Ford by (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, and so forth. —

At which 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 Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Ford 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, and so forth. —

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, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Ford by his attorney aforesaid: And the said Ignatius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here the Depositions of Ignatius G. Boarman and Nace Butler; which are as follow to wit.

Ignatius Butler against John Ford } Petition for Freedom in the General Court, May Term 1792. — Ignatius G. Boarman of Prince Georges County aged sixty four years or thereabouts being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth & saith, that he knows the Petitioner, Nace Butler, a short fellow, and nearly of the age of the Deponent; he was born in the possession of this deponents father, and is the son of Sey as this deponent believes who belonged at that time to the Deponents Father; the said Sey claimed Kate who belonged to Baptiste Boarman at that time, as her mother and she was generally reputed to be the Daughter of the said Kate, and this Deponent never heard to the contrary, and he thinks he has heard his Father say so: that his said Father died and left Richard Brooke, (Queen Tree) his Executor and on a distribution of his Estate, the said Nace fell to the share of his Brother Francis Boarman, & on his death, the Executor of his said Brother sold him at public sale as this Deponent has understood and he was purchased by John Ford, commonly called Weaver Ford, & further saith not: Sworn to this Tenth day of May 1792. before the Subscriber one of the justices of the peace of Anne Arundel County — Allen Dwyer