Petitioned as he is informed against Henry Hill her present master, And he further saith, that he well knows Nase, Katy and Lymus the children of the aforesaid Henny, who have also Petitioned against the said Henry Hill, their present master. — — —

— Sworn 18th May 1792. — Before — Bullen —

Whereupon, the said Henry Hill by his attorney aforesaid, saith, that he cannot deny the complaint aforesaid of the said Nase Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, so as aforesaid made, nor but that the said Nase Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to his Freedom, being the son of Henny Butler, daughter of Jane Butler, who was daughter of Jane Butler, who was daughter of Eleanor Butler a Free Irish Woman, in manner and form as the said Nase Butler by his said Petition to the Court here preferred against him the said Henry Hill, above hath alleged; And thereupon, the said Nase Butler by his attorney aforesaid, prays that he may be dismissed and discharged from the service of the said Henry Hill, together with his Costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his said Petition, to be adjudged, and so forth. Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Nase Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, recover of and against the said Henry Hill, his Freedom, and that he be hence freed and discharged of and from the service of the said Henry Hill, and that he the said Nase Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, go freed and discharged thereof without day, and so forth. And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Nase Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Henry Hill, the quantity of Five hundred and eighty four pounds of tobacco by the Court here, unto the said Nase Butler, on his assent adjudged, for his Costs and Charges by him about the prosecution of his said Petition in this behalf laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his Execution, and so forth.

Test — John Gwinn Clk.

Katy Butler against Henry Hill. } Petition for Freedom &c. — — Same proceedings & Judgment &c. Mutatis Mutandis as Nase Butler against Henry Hill, in page 58. — — Test — John Gwinn Clk —

Lymus Butler against Henry Hill. } Petition for Freedom &c. — — Same proceedings & Judgment &c. Mutatis Mutandis as Nase Butler against Henry Hill, in page 58. — — Test — John Gwinn Clk. —

Lectius Butler against Ralph Samestone. } Be it remembered that heretofore towit, on the Fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety; Lectius Butler by Gabriel Duvall his attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here, his Petition for Freedom, against Ralph Seamstone, which is in form following towit. — To the honorable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Lectius Butler, humbly sheweth, that he is held as a Slave by Ralph Seamstone of Charles County, although he is entitled to his Freedom being descended from a Free Woman. your Petitioner is the son of Jane Butler who was the daughter of Rebecca Butler, who was the daughter of Jane Butler, who was the daughter of Eleanor Butler a Free Woman. she therefore prayeth that your honors would take her case into consideration and discharge her from the custody of the aforesaid Ralph Seamstone and that summonses may issue for her Witnesses, and so forth.

— — — G. Duvall for Petitioner —

Thereupon, on motion of the said Lectius Butler by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the said Ralph Seamstone do not remove the said Lectius Butler out of this State nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time in support of his Petition for Freedom, preferred to the Court here; and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use the said Lectius 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 Ralph Seamstone to answer unto the said Petition of the said Lectius Butler; which issued accordingly, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in form following towit. — The State of Maryland Sct. To the Sheriff of Charles County, Greeting: We command you that you summon Ralph Seamstone late of Charles County, that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer the Petition of Lectius 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 Thomas Johnson Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 24th day of November Anno domini 1790. —