Thomas, both of whom this deponent has known for many years. — That William who has petitioned against Joseph Neale, Lewis who has petitioned against Sofia Laidler, Clement who has petitioned against Sophia Penn, (George) who has petitioned against Sophia Penn are sons of the aforesaid Sarah who petitioned against the aforesaid Sophia Penn, all fashion this deponent has known ever since they were children at the breast. — That Benny) who has filed a petition against Williamson King, and Rachel who has petitioned against Benjamin Posey and Anne (against John Hatch) are sisters of the four last mentioned petitioners sons of the aforesaid Sarah, which this deponent has also known ever since they were small children. And further he saith not. — Sworn to this 22d day of December 1791. before the subscriber one of the Justices of Anne Arundel County. — Allen Dwyer

Whereupon, the said Williamson King) by his attorney) aforesaid, saith, that he cannot deny the complaint aforesaid of the said Henrietta Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, so as aforesaid made, nor but that the said Henrietta Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to her Freedom, being descended from a Free woman whose name was Eleana Butler, in manner and form as the said Henrietta Butler, by her said Petition to the Court here, preferred against him the said Williamson King, above hath alleged; and thereupon, the said Henrietta Butler by her said Attorney, prays that she may be dismissed and discharged from the service of the said Williamson King, together with her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her said Petition, to her to be adjudged, and so forth. Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Henrietta Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid recover of and against the said Williamson King, her Freedom, and that she be hence freed and discharged of and from the service of the said Williamson King, and that she the said Henrietta Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, go free and discharged thereof without day, and so forth: And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Henrietta Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Williamson King, the quantity of Six hundred and ten pounds of tobacco, by the Court here, unto the said Henrietta Butler, or 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, and so forth.

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William Butler against John Laidler. } Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine; William Butler by Gabriel Duvall his attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here, his Petition for Freedom against John Leidler, which is in form following) to wit: To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of William Butler, humbly sheweth, that he is held in Slavery by John Leidler of Charles County, although he is entitled to his Freedom, being the son of Sarah Butler who was the daughter of Bess Butler, who was the Daughter of Eleana Butler a Free white Woman. Your Petitioner therefore prays your honors to direct Summons to issue against the said John Leidler (that, the premises considered he be discharged; and he will pray (so forth. — G. Duvall for Petitioner). — Thereupon, on motion of the said William Butler by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled and ordered by the Court here that the said John Laidler do not remove the said William 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 William 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 John Laidler to answer unto the said Petition of the said William Butler; which said Summons issued accordingly, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in form following to wit: The State of Maryland ss. To the Sheriff of Charles County, Greeting: We command you that you summon John Laidler 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 October next, to answer the Petition of William Butler, preferred against him for Freedom: Thereof 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 Twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine. — (G Duvall)

Issued the 29th day of July 1789. — — Jno Gwinn Clk