the rights of a Free woman; that your petitioner has been most unjustly and wrongfully deprived of her liberty and is now held in slavery by Henry Neale of Saint Mary's County: Your petitioner therefore most humbly prays your honors will take her case into consideration and grant her such relief as she is by Law and justice entitled to, and that your honors will direct a Summons to issue to the said Henry Neale, to be and appear before this honorable Court by a certain day to be therein mentioned, to answer the premises, and your petitioner as in duty will pray &c. &c. — S. Jos. Chase, for petitioner. Thereupon, on motion of the said Milly Butler by her attorney aforesaid it is ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the said Henry Neale do not remove the said Milly Butler out of this State, nor obstruct her from attending this Court from time to time in support of her Petition for Freedom, preferred to the Court here; and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use the said Milly 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 Henry Neale, to answer unto the said Petition of the said Milly Butler; which said Summons issued accordingly, directed to the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County in form following to wit: The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County, Greeting: We command you that you Summon Henry Neale, 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 unto the Petition of Milly Butler, preferred against him for Freedom: Hereof he is not to fail on pain of five pounds sterling, fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 13th day of May Anno domini 1788. —
Issued the 27th day of May 1788. — S. J. Chase. — Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

At which said second Tuesday of October, being the Fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Summons comes into the General Court here, the said Milly Butler by her attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Saint Marys county aforesaid to whom the said Summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit — "Summoned — John

John Cartwright, Shff." — And the said Henry Neale, being so forewarned, comes into the General Court here, by Luther Martin and Philip Barton Key his attornies: 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, and so forth. —

At which said second Tuesday of May being the Twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Milly Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Neale by his attornies 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 Thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Milly Butler by Samuel Chase her attorney, as the said Henry Neale by his attornies 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 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 Milly Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Neale by his attornies 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 Milly Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Neale by his attornies aforesaid: Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by