Petition, to her to be adjudged, andsofath. Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Eleanor Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid recover of and against the said Nicholas Peers, her Freedom, and that she be hence freed and discharged fand from the service of the said Nicholas Peers, and that she the said Eleanor Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, go freed and discharged thereof without day, and soforth. — And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Eleanor Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Nicholas Peers, the quantity of six hundred and ten pounds of tobacco by the Court here, unto the said Eleanor 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, andsofath.

Test. John Gwinn Clerk.

Thomas Butler against Sezreel Penn.

Be it remembered that at this Term tonit. the second Tuesday of October, being the Tenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine; Thomas Butler by Gabriel Duvall his attorney, prefers and files in the General Court here his Petition for Freedom against Sezreel Penn, which is in form following tonit. — To the honorable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Thomas Butler humbly sheweth that he is unjustly detained and held in slavery by a certain Sezreel Penn of Charles County, when he is entitled to his Freedom, being the son of Rett Butler who was the Daughter of Eleanor Butler, who was the daughter of Eleanor Butler, a Free white woman. He therefore prays your honors to grant a summons against the said Sezreel Penn, to appear before your honors, and answer the premises, and that he enter into the usual recognizance not to ill treat your petitioner, and that he be permitted to attend his Council when necessary, & soforth. — G Duvall for Pet.r 19.th Oct. 1789.

Thereupon, on motion of the said Thomas Butler by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the said Sezreel Penn do not remove the said Thomas 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

and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use the said Thomas 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 Sezreel Penn to answer unto the said Petition of the said Thomas Butler: which said Summons issues accordingly, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County, in form following tonit. — The State of Maryland Sc.t To the Sheriff of Charles County, Greeting: We command you that you Summon Sezreel Penn 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, returnable immediately to answer the Petition of Thomas 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 Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 13.th day of October Anno domini 1789. — Issued the 19.th day of October 1789. — (S.D.) — Jn.o Gwinn Clk.

And the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to whom the said Summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, tonit. — "Summoned. — Thos. A. Dyson, Shff. — And the said Sezreel Penn, 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 parties aforesaid, then, andsofath. —

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 Thomas Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Sezreel Penn 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, andsofath. —

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 Thomas Butler by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Sezreel Penn by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon, further process of and upon the