she was a child, who was daughter of Nanny Butler, whom this Deponent has known ever since he was very young; the said Nanny, last named was mother of Nelly, who was mother of Jeremiah, who is now Free on a Petition against John Bartenright. Sworn before the Subscriber this Twenty fourth day of December 1791. — Allen Dugan.

Whereupon, all and singular the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by the Court here being seen, heard and fully understood, and mature deliberation thereupon had, for that it appears to the Court here, that the said Lucy Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to her Freedom, being descended from a Free Woman, as she by her Petition to the Court here, hath alleged; Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Lucy Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, be Free and discharged of and from the service of the said Benedict Wheeler, and that she the said Lucy Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, go thereof without day, and so forth. It is also considered by the Court here, that the said Lucy Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Benedict Wheeler, the quantity of six hundred and ten pounds of tobacco, by the Court here, unto her the said Lucy Butler, on her assent adjudged, for her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her petition aforesaid, laid out and expended, and that she have thereof her Execution, and so forth. —

Test — John Irwin Clerk.

Jacob Innis.
against
Benjamin Burgess.

Be it remembered, that heretofore to wit, on the Twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one; Jacob Innis by Henry Ridgely his attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here, his Petition for Freedom against Benjamin Burgess, which is in form following, to wit: To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Jacob Innis, humbly sheweth, that he is unjustly held in slavery by a certain Benjamin Burgess of Anne Arundel County that being descended from a Free East India Mulatto woman, he is entitled to his Freedom. Your Petitioner is the son of Hannah Innis who was the daughter of Lucy Innis, who was the daughter of Sarah Innis the Mulatto woman aforesaid. Your Petitioner (therefore

therefore prays that your honors would take his case into consideration and that Summonses may issue for his Witnesses, and so forth. —

— — H. Ridgely for Petitioner. —

Thereupon, on motion of the said Jacob Innis by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the said Benjamin Burgess do not remove the said Jacob Innis 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 Jacob Innis, well; It is further ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of Summons issued forth out of the General Court here against the said Benjamin Burgess to answer unto the said Petition of the said Jacob Innis; which said Summons issued accordingly, directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in form following, to wit: The State of Maryland to wit, To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, Greeting: We command you that you summons Benjamin Burgess late of Ann Arundel County, that all delays and excuses be 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 unto the Petition of Jacob Innis 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 Samuel Chase Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 1st day of November anno domini 1791. — Issued the 21st day of November 1791. — (H. Ridgely) Jno. Irwin Clk.

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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing summons, comes into the General Court here, the said Jacob Innis by Henry Ridgely his attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid, to whom the said summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit Summoned — Wm Goldsmith, Shff." — And the said Benjamin Burgess being so forewarned, comes into the General Court here by William Pinkney his attorney. Whereupon, on motion of the said Jacob Innis by his attorney aforesaid, it is ordered by the Court here, that the Petition aforesaid of the said Jacob Innis, preferred as