And that on the fourth day of July in the same year the Congress aforesaid made the following Declaration of the Independence of the States of New Hampshire &c which Declaration follow in these words to wit.

(Here insert the Declaration of Independence, recorded in this Book page 45)

It is stated that a war carried on between the United States of America and the King of Great Britain from the said fourth day of July until the third day of September in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, on which last day and year peace was concluded between the said states, and the said King of Great Britain That the definitive articles of treaty and peace between the King of Great Britain and the United States of America were made on the said third day of September in the year last aforesaid, which follows in these words to wit.

(Here insert the Treaty of Peace, recorded in this book page 48).

That the said Alexander McLure, Charles Ridgely and William Goodwin on the said fourth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six became citizens and subjects of this state, and that the said Alexander McLure and Charles Ridgely did remain and continue subjects & citizens of this state respectively as long as they respectively lived, that the said Alexander McLure died before the said twenty third day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and that the said Charles Ridgely departed this life since that time, also that the said William Goodwin is now and hath constantly ever since the said fourth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six been a citizen and subject of this state.

It is also agreed that the said Bond was given by the said Alexander McLure, Charles Ridgely and William Goodwin on account of and discharge of a debt due from them to the said Molleson as partners in trade & merchandize for goods and merchandize sold by said Molleson to them the said McLure

It is also agreed that the said William Goodwin did on the twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six pay unto the said William Molleson the sum of fifteen hundred and eighty pounds five shillings and ten pence sterling money in discharge of so much money due on the said Bond, and that the said Goodwin was the acting partner of the said McLure, Ridgely and Goodwin.

And it is agreed that if on this state of facts the court shall be of opinion that nothing is due from the Defendant to the Plaintiff, then the said Judgment for the Plaintiff is to be struck out, and Judgment is to be entered for the Defendant for his costs. And that either party may appeal from the opinion and Judgment of the Court on this state of facts and have the same benefit of this state of facts, in the same manner as could be had, if a Jury had been impannelled and sworn in this cause, and these facts had appeared in an exception taken at the trial to the opinion of the Court, and the Courts

Courts direction to the Jury thereon. W. Cook for Plff. L. Martin for Deft.

Whereupon all and singular the premises been seen, and by the Court now here more fully understood and mature deliberation being thereupon had, the opinion of the Court now is that, It is considered by the Judges here that the said William Molleson recover against the said William Goodwin as well the sum of four thousand eight hundred and twenty one pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid herein before confessed, as also the quantity of thirteen hundred and seventy one pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto the said William Molleson on his assent adjudged, as well for his Damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended, and the said William Goodwin in mercy and Soforth.

Memorandum, It is also considered by the Court here that the above Judgment be released upon payment of the sum of fourteen hundred and forty six pounds ten shillings and nine pence sterling money with interest thereon from the fourth day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy six and from the third day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, until paid and costs.

Whereupon the said William Goodwin by his attorney aforesaid prays an appeal from the Judgment aforesaid so as aforesaid rendered to the State of Maryland's High Court of Appeals, and the same is granted.

It is therefore ordered that the record and proceedings in the premises aforesaid be transmitted to the High Court of appeals accordingly.

Test. John Gwinn Clk.

Sarah Butler against Henry Carrico

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, Sarah Butler by Gabriel Duvall her attorney, preferred and filed on the General Court here, her Petition for Freedom against Henry Carrico, which is in form following to wit. To the honourable The Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Sarah Butler humbly sheweth that your petitioner is held as a slave by Henry Carrico of Charles County, and she is advised she is entitled to her freedom being descended in the female line from Eleanor Butler a free white woman. She therefore prays, that the premises being considered and the facts proved, your Honours will discharge her from the further custody of the said Henry Carico. and she as in duty bound will pray and Soforth.

G. Duvall for Pet.

Whereupon, the said Sarah Butler by her attorney aforesaid, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here, the writ of the State of Maryland of summons against the said Henry Carrico, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County, in form following to wit.

The State of Maryland to wit. To the Sheriff of Charles County. Greeting.

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