against Henry Pyke, Elizabeth Toney and John Somervile are brothers of Thomas, who Petitioned against Jezreel Penn. – That Henny who Petitioned against Edward Smoot is sister of the said Thomas who this deponent has known upwards of thirty years. That Sarah who Petitioned against Jezreel Penn, and Charity who Petitioned against Joseph Thompson are sisters of the said Thomas, both of whom this deponent has known for many years. – That William who has Petitioned against Joseph Neal, Lewis who has Petitioned against John Laidler, Clement who has petitioned against Jezreel Penn, and George who has petitioned against Jezreel Penn are sons of the aforesaid Sarah who petitioned against the aforesaid Jezreel Penn, all of whom this deponent has known ever since they were children at the breast. – That Henny who has filed a Petition against Williamson King, and Rachel who has Petitioned against Benjamin Posey and Anne against John Keech 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 furth he saith not.

Sworn to this 22nd day of December 1791. before the subscriber one of the Justices of Anne Arundel County. Allen Quynn.

Whereupon, the said Edward Smoot by his attorney 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, in manner and form as the said Henrietta Butler by her said Petition to the Court here preferred against him the said Edward Smoot 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 Edward Smoot together with her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her said Petition, to be adjudged, &c. Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Henrietta Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, recover of and against the said Edward Smoot her freedom, and that she be hence freed and discharged of and from the service of the said Edward Smoot and that she the said Henrietta Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, go free and discharged thereof without day &c. And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Henrietta Butler the Petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Edward Smoot the quantity of pounds of Tobacco, by the Court here unto the said Henrietta Butler on her absent 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 &c.

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Daniel Boston against Henry Hall } Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, the said Daniel Boston by George Jennings his attorney exhibited to the Court here his Petition for Freedom against the said Henry Hall and which is of the tenor and form following, to wit. To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Daniel Boston humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner is held in slavery by a certain Henry Hall of Anne Arundel County when he is entitled to his Freedom being descended from a free yellow woman one of the Portuguese whose name as your Petitioner is informed was Lenah Boston. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honours to take his case into consideration and discharge him from the service of the said Henry Hall and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will pray. Geo. Jennings for Petitioner.

Thereupon the writ of the State of Maryland of summons issued forth out of the General Court here 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 Henry Hall 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 Daniel Boston 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 Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 1st day of November Anno Domini 1791. (G. J.)

Issued the 21st day of November Anno Domini 1791. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

At which 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 return day of the said writ comes into the General Court here the said Daniel Boston by her attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid to whom the said writ was in foresaid directed to wit, William Goldsmith Gentleman, makes return thereof to the Court here thereon endorsed to wit; "Summoned. – Wm. Goldsmith Shff." Thereupon the said Henry Hall appears in Court here by William Cooke his attorney: thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the said parties is continued until the second Tuesday of October next: – The same day is given to the said parties then &c.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two come again into the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid. thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid is further continued until the second Tuesday of May next: the same day is given to the said parties then &c.