being according to the Act of Assembly aforesaid, challenged by the parties aforesaid, to wit the said Benjamin Richardson Stephen Jones, Henry Crist, and James Samuel Hook on the part of the said Defendant, and the said Basil Magruder and Wilfred Neale on the part of the said Petitioner and because a sufficient Number of Jurors not being present to complete the said Panel, therefore others of the by Standers by the Sheriff of the County of Anne Arundel elected at the request of the said Petitioner and the said Defendant and by command of the Judges aforesaid are added to the said Panel; whose names to the panel aforesaid are annexed according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and the Jurors so added anew, to wit. John Mills and Thomas Callahan being called, likewise come, who to say the truth of the premises above contained together with the other Jurors aforesaid, before impannelled and sworn, being elected tried and sworn, do on their Oath say as to the first Issue between the parties aforesaid within joined to be tried by the Country, that the said Elizabeth Thomas was a free white Woman as the Petitioner aforesaid, in his said Petition to the Court here preferred against the aforesaid Henry Pile within hath alledged; and as to the second Issue between the parties aforesaid within Joined to be tried by the Country the Jurors aforesaid on their Oath aforesaid, further say that the said Robert Thomas is lineally descended in the female line from a free white Woman named Elizabeth Thomas in manner and form as he the said Robert Thomas in his said Petition to the Court here preferred as aforesaid hath also alleged. Therefore it is considered and adjudged by the Court here, that the said Robert Thomas the Petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the Service of the aforesaid Henry Pile, and that he the said Robert Thomas the petitioner aforesaid go thereof without day &c. It is also considered and adjudged by the Court here that the said Robert Thomas the petitioner aforesaid recover against the aforesaid Henry Pile the quantity of 3041 pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him the said Robert Thomas the petitioner aforesaid on his Agent adjudged for his Costs and Charges by him about his prosecution of the petition aforesaid in this behalf laid out and expended: and that he have thereof this Execution against the aforesaid Henry Pile &c.

Memorandum. Before the Jurors last aforesaid withdrew from the Bar of the Court the Defendant by his Attornies filed in Court here the following Bill of Exceptions, to wit. —

Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile

In the trial of this Cause the Council for the petitioner offered in evidence the Declarations of a certain Mrs Smith to prove the petitioners were descended from a free white Woman, and the Council for the Defendant offered to impeach the credibility of said Mrs Smith by proving to the Jury that the said Mrs Smith was a Woman who by General Reputation of the Neighbourhood associated and kept Company with Negroes. To which evidence the Council for the petitioner objected and the Court being of Opinion that the same was improper, refused to allow the same to be offered to the Jury, to which Opinion of the Court the Counsel for the Defendant prayed leave to except and that they would sign & seal this his Bill of Exception according to the Statute which is done accordingly

Samuel Chase (seal)

Jeremiah Townley Chase (seal)

Memorandum. Judgment was rendered in this Cause on the 31st day of October Anno Domini 1794.

Test John Gwinn Clerk.

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Thomas Carver against Samuel Lloyd Chew

Be it remembered that on the second Tuesday of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety two; Thomas Carver by Gabriel Duvall his Attorney exhibited to the General Court here in Court sitting, his petition for freedom against Samuel Lloyd Chew in form following to wit.

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

The petition of Thomas Carver humbly sheweth that he is held in Slavery by Samuel Lloyd Chew of Ann Arundel County and he is advised that he is intitled to his Freedom, being descended in the female line from a free Indian Woman. He therefore prays your Honours the premises being considered, to discharge him from the Custody of the said Samuel Lloyd Chew should he prove his descent as aforesaid, and that summons may issue for the said Samuel Lloyd Chew, to answer unto this petition returnable immediately And he will pray and so forth

G Duvall for Petr

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that Samuel Lloyd Chew of Anne Arundel County do not remove the aforesaid Thomas Carver out of this State nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time in Support of his petition for freedom preferred

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