following petition to wit.

To the Honourable the Court of Washington County

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honors your Petitioner Gabriel Parks; that your Petitioner, ~~that your Petitioner~~ was born a Slave, and became the property of a certain Robert Rose, who about three or four and twenty years ago, removed with his Family into the then province of Pensylvania and carried your petitioner with him. That your petitioner remained in the possession of the said Robert Rose and within the then Province but now Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until the Month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred eighty six. And your Petitioner further sheweth that the said Robert Rose never did register your Petitioner pursuant to the directions of an Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act for the gradual Abolition of Slavery" passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty whereby your petitioner is advised that by the Operation of the said Act of Assembly your petitioner became entitled to his Freedom. And your petitioner further sheweth unto your Honours that in the said Month of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, the said Robert Rose sold your petitioner to a certain William Good Gentleman of the County of Washington and State of Maryland whereby your petitioner is advised that he became entitled to his Freedom by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three entitled "An Act to prohibit the bringing of Slaves into this State. And your Petitioner further sheweth unto your Honors that the said William Good did in or about the Month of April in the present year sell your petitioner to a certain Philip Earhart yeoman of the County of Washington and State of Maryland who being in no wise ignorant of the premises doth nevertheless wrongfully and oppressively detain your petitioner in Slavery, contrary to right and the Law of the Land. In tender consideration whereof may it please your Honors by the Interposition of this Honorable Court to discharge your petitioner from that bondage in which he is so unjustly held and to grant to your petitioner such other and further relief in the premises as to your Honors shall seem right and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

John T Mason for Petr.

Which petition being read and heard, It is by the same Court ordered that a Subpoena issue against the said

said Philip Earhart for his immediate Appearance to answer the Complaint of the aforesaid Petitioner which said Subpena being issued and return made of the same by Henry Shycock Sheriff of Washington County aforesaid for the time being that he had summoned the aforesaid Philip Earhart to appear and answer according to the exigence of the said Summons.

Whereupon the aforesaid Philip Earhart appears in Court here by Baker Johnson and William Clarke his Attornies and thereupon day is given as well to the said Gabriel Parks as the said Philip Earhart to hear their Allegations and Evidence as well on the part and behalf of the said Gabriel Parks as to the said Philip Earhart by the Court here until the second Monday of April next &c.

At which day to wit the second Monday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three comes here again as well the said Gabriel Parks by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Philip Earhart by his Attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid Gabriel Parks by his Attorney aforesaid, produces here in Court the State of Maryland's Writ of Certiorari the Tenor whereof ensues in the words following to wit, The State of Maryland Set. To the Justices and Clerk of Washington County, Greeting. Whereas lately in our said Court, Philip Earhart of Washington County was summoned to answer unto the Petition of Gabriel Parks, preferred against him for Freedom and so forth, which said plaint is still depending before you our said Justices in our said County Court, as it is said, undetermined, and We being desirous for certain reasons that the record and proceeding in the plaint aforesaid should by you be certified to us, do command you that you send under your Seals the record of the Proceedings aforesaid in the plaint aforesaid, with all things touching the same unto our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next plainly and distinctly and in as full and ample manner as it now remains before you, together with this Writ so that we may be able thereon to proceed and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the nineteenth day of November Anno Domini 1792. Issued the 20th day of March 1793. B.J. Jno Gwinn Clk

which aforegoing Writ of Certiorari being by the Court here allowed, It is thereupon ordered that the record of Proceedings in the plaint aforesaid be transmitted accordingly

Test

Elie Williams Clk