aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed in pursuance to the commands therein contained make return of the following Record, to wit.

Saint Mary's County, to wit, August Term 1793.

At a County Court held at the Court House in Leonard Town in and for the County aforesaid on the first Monday and fifth day of August in the eighteenth year of the State and so forth, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three. Before

The Honourable | Michael Jenifer Stone Esquire Chief Justice and John De Butts and William Kilgour Esquires | Esquires Associate Justices

In and for the County aforesaid thereunto duly authorized, commissioned, and sworn

Francis Hamersley Sheriff
Timothy Bowes Clk

Among other were the following Proceedings, to wit,

State of Maryland vs Elizabeth Harrison | Bill filed not guilty & Issue

St. Mary's County, to wit, The Jurors for the State of Maryland for the body of St. Mary's County upon their Oaths, do present, that Elizabeth Harrison late of Saint Mary's County Spinster on the tenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one at Saint Mary's County aforesaid, did trade, barter, commerce, or deal with a certain Negro Richard the Slave of Jesse Wharton for one Bushel of Wheat, she the said Elizabeth Harrison not having first had and obtained any leave or licence from the said Negroe Richards Master, Mistress, Dame, or Overseer contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace, & Government, and dignity of the State

Francis Digges Prosecutor. True Bill John Cartwright Foreman

And the said Elizabeth comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth and prays hearing of the Indictment which was read to her in the words before mentioned, And whereupon she comes and defends the force and Injury when and saith she is not guilty of the Charge alledged against her by the said State in its said Indictment, And of this she puts herself upon her Country, and the said State does so likewise, And thereupon came a Jury, to wit, Nicholas Sewall Junr., John Blackistone, Clement Gardiner, William Mills, & William Hammett, Charles Neale, Zephaniah King, James Patterson, Augustine Spalding, James McWilliams, Robert Greenwell, Henry Maughon Who being duly tried, and sworn to say the truth of and upon the premises upon their Oath, do say, that the said Elizabeth Harrison is guilty of the fact & charged against her in the Indictment aforesaid,

And now here, to wit, on the tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, comes the said Elizabeth Harrison by John Allen Thomas her Attorney and defends the force and Injury when and so forth, and prays, and has liberty to file the following reasons in Arrest of Judgment

State of Maryland vs Elizabeth Harrison | Indictment for dealing with a Negro Slave.

Reasons in Arrest of Judgment

1st Because an Indictment does not lie for this Offence.

2d Because the said Indictment is erroneous and wants form.

J A Thomas for Elizabeth Harrison

Which being read and heard the Court were of Opinion that the reasons aforesaid were not sufficient in Law to arrest the Judgment, and gave Judgment against the said Elizabeth Harrison.

And now here, to wit, on the day and year last aforesaid comes as well the said State of Maryland by Francis Digges its Attorney, as the said Elizabeth Harrison by John Allen Thomas her Attorney, and prays an Appeal from the Judgment and Verdict aforesaid to the Honourable the Judges of the General Court of the Western Shore which is granted by the Honorable the Justices now here, and the Bond presented proved and filed close in these words following, to wit "Know all Men by these Presents that we Francis Hamersley & John Allen Thomas of Saint Marys County and State of Maryland are held & firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full & Just Sum of two hundred pounds Current money to be paid to the said State of Maryland or its Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators Jointly and severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals, and dated this tenth day of August 1793. Whereas a certain Elizabeth Harrison hath appealed from the Judgment of Saint Marys County Court to the General Court of the Western Shore, Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above named Elizabeth Harrison shall not pursue the directions of an Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act for regulating Writs of Error and granting Appeals from and to the Courts of Common Law in this Province at the next General Court for the Western Shore, and prosecute the said Appeal with effect, and also satisfy and pay to the said State of Maryland or its Assigns in case the said Judgment shall be affirmed as well as all and singular the Debt, Damages, and Costs adjudged by Saint Marys County Court, as also all Costs and Damages, that shall be awarded by the General Court for the Western Shore, Then this Obligation to be and remain in full force and virtue, otherwise of no effect.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Francis Digges } F Hamersley (Seal) J A Thomas (Seal)

Ordered