woman named Elizabeth Shorter. He therefore prays your honors, the premises being considered to discharge him from the custody of the said Charles Carroll, and that summons may issue for the said Charles Carroll to answer this Petition; and he as in duty bound will pray &c. so forth. — — G. Duvall for the Petr.

Thereupon, it is ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of summons issue against the said Charles Carroll to answer unto the Petition aforesaid of the said Basil Shorter, which was accordingly issued, directed to the Sheriff of Washington County in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland Sct. To the sheriff of Washington County, Greeting. You are hereby commanded to Summon Charles Carroll late of Washington County, that all excuses and delays set aside, he be and appear before the General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis, on the second tuesday of October next, to answer the Petition of Basil Shorter, preferred against him for freedom thereof, he is not to fail, and fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the Thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two. — Issued the 30th day of May 1792. — —(G. Duvall) — John Irwin Clerk —

At which said second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, being the day of the return of the said aforegoing writ of summons, comes into the General Court here the said Basil Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Washington County, to whom the said writ of summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. — "Summoned, Henry Shryock, Sheriff of Wash: County. Whereupon, comes into the General Court here, the said Charles Carroll by John Thomson Mason his attorney, and on motion of the said Basil Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Charles Carroll enter into Recognizance to the State of Maryland, in the usual form, and so forth: Thereupon a certain John Thomson Mason, present in Court here, acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of One hundred pounds current money, to be levied of his body, goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to and for the use

of the said State of Maryland, on Condition that, the said Charles Carroll doth not remove the said Basil Shorter out of this State, nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time, in support of his Petition for Freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said Charles Carroll, and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use him well, and pay whatever satisfaction the Court shall adjudge for the services of the said Basil Shorter from this Term to the time of the Judgment, with Costs. — And the said Charles Carroll by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here, to imparle until the second tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Basil Shorter also. — At which said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Basil Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Charles Carroll by his attorney aforesaid: And the said Basil Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here the Deposition of Wilfred Neale, which is in form following to wit. — Wilfred Neale of St. Mary's County aged fifty two years being sworn in this Cause on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he does not know the Petitioner; he has been informed there was a boy in the family of his uncle William Neale, named Basil; that he does not know that that boy is the present Petitioner; that his uncle William Neale has been dead upwards of twenty years; that he knew Jenny the mother of Lucy who belonged to his said Uncle; that Jenny belonged to his Grand father Roswell Neale, and after his decease, to his son Raphael Neale to whom she belonged when the Deponent knew her; that Jenny was a yellow woman and used to be called Jenny Short; that he has heard his Father say that Lucy was all that his uncle William Neale got of his mother's Estate; and that his Father's Mother's maiden name was Chandler. Being asked if he has heard how, or from whom, his Grand father Roswell Neale got the aforesaid Jenny? answers he does not. Being asked if he ever understood that there was a white woman who lived in the family of his great grand father? answers he never did. Being asked if he ever understood what the name of Roswell Neale's father was? answers, he has understood it was Anthony Neale. Being asked if he has