State of Maryland for her contempt in not appearing according to the Command of the Summons aforesaid, after being thereto legally summoned; which is accordingly issued, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in form following to wit. The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Charles County, Greeting. You are hereby Commanded to Attach Anne Chunn, and her safe keep so that you have her body before the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next, to answer unto the State of Maryland, touching a certain Contempt by her committed in not appearing to answer the Petition of Teresa Shorter, preferred against her for Freedom after being thereto legally summoned: Hereof 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 Thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four. — Issued the 17th day of June 1794. — — — (G. Duvall) — Jno. Gwinn Clk. —

At which said second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, being the day of the return of the said last aforegoing writ of Attachment, comes again into the General Court here, the said Teresa Shorter by her attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles County to whom the said writ of Attachment was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit. — Non Est. — James Semmes, Sheriff. — Thereupon, on motion of the said Teresa Shorter by her attorney aforesaid, it is ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of Attachment again issue against the said Anne Chunn to answer unto the State of Maryland for her contempt in not appearing according to the Command of the Summons aforesaid, after being thereto legally summoned; which is accordingly issued, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Charles County, Greeting. You are hereby commanded to attach Anne Chunn and her safe keep so that you have her body before the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next, to answer unto the State of Maryland, touching a certain Contempt by her committed in not appearing to answer the Petition of Teresa Shorter, preferred against her for Freedom, after being thereto legally summoned: Hereof 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 Tenth day of February in in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five. — Issued the 10th day of February 1795. — (G. D.) — Jno. Gwinn Clk. —

And now at this day to wit, the said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five, being the day of the return of the said last aforegoing writ of Attachment, comes again into the General Court here, the said Teresa Shorter by her attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles County to whom the said writ of Attachment was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. — Non Est. — Joseph Green, Sheriff. — Nevertheless, the said Anne Chunn by Philip Barton Key her attorney voluntarily comes into the General Court here, and defends the force and injury, when and so forth; Whereupon, the parties aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid agree that the Depositions taken and filed in the Case Basil Shorter against Henry Rozier be received as evidence in this cause; which said Depositions are in form following to wit. (Here insert them from Liber IG. No. folio 242. Co. Basil Shorter against Henry Rozier, Judgment October Term 1794.) And thereupon the parties aforesaid by their attornies aforesaid agree to submit this case to the decision of the Court here on the Testimony filed in Court here in this Case: Whereupon all and singular the premises between the parties aforesaid by the Court here being seen, heard and fully understood, and mature deliberation thereupon had, for that it appears to the Court here, that the said Teresa Shorter the petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to her Freedom, being descended in the female line from Elizabeth Shorter a Free White woman, as she by her petition to the Court here hath alleged: Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Teresa Shorter the petitioner aforesaid, and her Five Children to wit, Phillis, John, Moses, Charity and Henny be free and discharged of and from the service of the said Anne Chunn; And that she the said Teresa Shorter the petitioner aforesaid, and her Five Children to wit, the said Phillis, John, Moses, Charity and Henny go thereof discharged, and so forth. And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Teresa Shorter, the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Anne Chunn the quantity of

by the Court here, unto her the said Teresa Shorter on her amount adjudged,