Negro Tom against Richard Coale. } Be it remembered, that heretofore towit, on the Twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three; Richard Coale by Baker Johnson his attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Certiorari, directed to the Justices and Clerk of Frederick County Court, in form following towit. — The State of Maryland, Sc. To the Justices and Clerk of Frederick County Court, Greeting. Whereas lately in our said Court Richard Coale — late of Frederick County was summoned to answer unto the petition of Negro Tom preferred against him for Freedom and soforth, 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 oursaid Court the nineteenth day of November Anno domini 1792. — — Issued the 20th day of March 1793. — — (B. I.) — Jno. Gwinn Clk. — At which said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, being the day of the return of the said aforegoing writ; The Justices and clerk of Frederick County Court aforesaid certify and transmit to the Court here, in obedience to the Command of the said writ, a Record of the proceedings in the plea aforesaid before them had, together with the said writ, and which said Record of the proceedings aforesaid is in form following towit. — Maryland, Frederick County towit. At a County Court begun and held at the Court House in Frederick Town in and for the County aforesaid on the fourth monday and Twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three. — Present, William Brack Esquire, Chief

Justice and John Ross Key and John Grahame Esquires associate Justices in and for the County aforesaid duly Commissioned and sworn. — Tobias Butler, Sheriff. — William Ritchie Clerk. — are the following proceedings towit. — Negro Tom against Richard Coale. — Removal by Certiorari. — Be it remembered that heretofore towit; At a County Court begun and held at the Court House in Frederick Town in and for the County aforesaid on the fourth Monday and twenty sixth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two Negro Tom preferred the following petition towit; To the honourable Judges of Frederick County Court now in Court sitting is presented, the Petition of Negro Tom; your petitioner considering himself unjustly held in slavery by Richard Coale of Frederick County now prays the assistance of your honors he states his claim to liberty to arise under the laws of Pensylvania he further prays that your honors will take his case into consideration and grant him suitable relief and that the said Richard Coale be made to appear and that summons issue. — Negro Tom. — Which being read and heard it is ordered by the Court that summons issue for the said Richard Coale agreeable to the prayer of the petitioner returnable immediatly, which issued accordingly, and the Sheriff of Frederick County to whom the same was directed makes return thereof to the Court thus endorsed towit. summoned, Tobias Butler Sheriff: Whereupon the said Richard Coale appears: It is thereupon ordered by the Court that he recognize with one security in the sum of One hundred pounds current money for his appearance at the next County Court to be held for the County aforesaid on the third Monday of November next, to answer the said petition, and to permit the said Negro Tom to attend the same Court to support his Petition preferred as aforesaid, and that he will not transpat or cause the said Negro Tom to be sent out of the County aforesaid, and also that he will make such Compensation to the said Negro Tom as may be awarded by the Court for his labour and services in case he shall support his Petition and be adjudged Free: Whereupon the said Richard Coale and Nathaniel Sater present in Court acknowledge themselves to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of One hundred pounds current money to be levied of their bodies goods and Chattels lands and tenements for the use of the said State with this Condition