said Petition, and to permit the said Negro James to attend the same Court to suppot his Petition preferred as aforesaid, and that he will not transport or cause the said Negro James to be sent out of the County aforesaid, and also that he will make such compensation to the said Negro James as may be awarded by the Court for his labour and services in case he shall suppot his said Petition and be adjudged Free: Whereupon the said Richard Coale and a certain Nathaniel Porter 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, that if the said Richard Coale shall make his personal appearance here at the next County Court to be held for the County aforesaid on the third monday of November next and answer to the Petition aforesaid, and permit the aforesaid Negro James to attend the same Court to suppot his Petition, and shall not transport or cause the said Negro James to be sent out of the County aforesaid, and shall also make the said Negro James such compensation as may be awarded by the Court for his labour and services in case he shall suppot his Petition and be adjudged Free then this recognizance to be void, otherwise of force. — And thereupon day is given to the said parties for the hearing of the plaint aforesaid here until the next Court. — At which said next Court towit the third Monday and nineteenth day of November seventeen hundred and ninety two, comes here again as well the said Negro James by Arthur Shaaff his attorney as the said Richard Coale by his attorney: whereupon a further day is given to the parties aforesaid here for the hearing of the plaint aforesaid until the next Court. — And now here at this day towit, the fourth monday and twenty fifth day of March seventeen hundred and ninety three, comes here again as well the said Negro James by his attorney aforesaid as the said Richard Coale by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Richard Coale by his said attorney produces to the Court the following writ of Certiorari, towit. — The State of Maryland Sct. To the Justices and Clerk of Frederick County Greeting: Whereas lately in our said Court, Richard Coale late of Frederick County was summoned to answer unto the Petition of Negro James preferred against him for Freedom andsofath, which said plaint is still depending befor 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 19th day of November Anno domini 1792. — — Issued the 20th day of March 1793. — — B. I. — Jno. Gwinn Clk. — which is allowed, and it is ordered by the Court here that the Record of the proceedings in the plaint aforesaid be transmitted accordingly. Test - William Ritchie Clerk. — In Testimony, that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the Record and proceedings in the plaint aforesaid I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the public seal of Frederick County Court. — William Ritchie, Clerk. — Whereupon, come into the General Court here, as well the said Negro James by Arthur Shaaff his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Coale by Baker Johnson his attorney aforesaid: and the said Richard Coale by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when andsofath, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Negro James also. — At which said second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into the General Court here as well the said Negro James by his attorney aforesaid as the said Richard Coale by Baker Johnson and Henry Ridgely his attornies: and the said Negro James by his attorney aforesaid, prays the Court here, that Commission may issue to the State of Pennsylvania to examine witnesses in this cause, and that the Depositions returned with the said Commission may be read in evidence at the trial hereof, and it is granted to him: Whereupon the said Negro James and the said Richard Coale by their attornies aforesaid pray the Court here, that the same Commission may be directed to Andrew Schriver, Conrad Winrod, Frederick Little and George Shearman, Gentlemen, in the State of Pennsylvania aforesaid, and that they, or any two or three of them, examine andsofath, returnable with all convenient speed, andsofath: And thereupon the same Commission is