daughter of this deponent and the deponent knew said Nell ever since she was a child. That Phillis who petitioned against Mary Boarman is daughter of this deponent, and Letty who petitioned against said Mary Boarman is daughter of said Phillis. That Tom who petitioned against Richard Jordan this deponent has known ever since he was about two years old; he is the son of Betty who was Sister on the mother's and father's side of this deponent. That Glenn who petitioned against Raphael Neale is a full brother of said Tom.

Sworn to this 16th day of May 1796 before J Bullen.

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 Monica Thorter the petitioner aforesaid is entitled to her freedom being decended in the female line, from a free white woman named Elizabeth Thorter as she by her petition to the Court here hath alledged; therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Monica Thorter the petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the service of the aforesaid Edward Hazle and that she the said Monica Thorter the petitioner aforesaid, go thereof without day, &c. It is further considered by the Court here, that the said Monica Thorter the petitioner aforesaid, ~~go the petitioner aforesaid~~, recover against the said Edward Hazle the quantity of six hundred and ninety nine pounds of tobacco by the Court here unto here the said Monica Thorter on her absent adjudged for her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her petition aforesaid laid out and expended, and that she have thereof her execution, &c.

Test John Gwinn Clk.

Lucy Thorter and her Five Children Charles. Will, Gerrard, Abby and Henny against Henry Neale

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the Eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two; Lucy Thorter for herself and her five children

Children, Charles, Will, Gerrard, Abby and Henny, by Gabriel Duvall her attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here her petition for Freedom against Henry Neale which is in form following to wit.

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Lucy Thorter humbly sheweth, that she with her five children, Charles, Will Gerrard, Abby, and Henny are held in slavery by Henry Neale of St. Marys County, and she is advised that they are entitled to their Freedom being descended in the female line from a free white woman named Elizabeth Thorter. She therefore prays you honours the premises being considered to discharge them from the custody of the said Henry Neall; if she should prove their descent as aforesaid and that summons may issue for the said Henry Neale to answer this petition, and she will pray and so forth.

G. Duvall for the Pt.

Whereupon in pursuance of the rule and order of the Court here in such case made on the Eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two the said Lucy Thorter for herself and her six children, Charles, Will, Gerrard, Abby and Henny by her attorney aforesaid, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here, the writ of the State of Maryland of Subpoena ad respondendum against the said Henry Neale directed to the sheriff of Charles County in form following, to wit.

The State of Maryland Ss. To the sheriff of Saint Mary's County Greeting. We command you that you summons Henry Neale late of Saint Marys County that all excuses and delays set a side he be and appear before the Judges of our General to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto the petition of Lucy Thorter and her five children Charles Will Gerrard, Abby and Henny, preferred against him for freedom. Hereof he is not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 11th day of February Anno Domini 1792. Issued the 11th day of April 1792. G.D. Jn. Gwinn Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the Eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, ~~come~~ and the day of the return of the aforegoing Summons, comes into the General Court here the said Lucy Thorter for herself and her five children Charles, Will, Gerrard, Abby