said the said Thomas Stone the quantity of six hundred and seventy one pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them the said Patty Shorter and her six children aforesaid on their assent adjudged for their costs and charges by them about the prosecution of their petition aforesaid laid out and expended, and that they have thereof their Execution, &c.

Test John Gwinn Clk.

John Thomas against Raphael Boarman	Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two; John Thomas by Gabriel Duvall his attorney

preferred and filed in the General Court here his petition for freedom against Raphael Boarman which is in form following to wit.

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of John Thomas humbly sheweth that she is held in slavery by Raphael Boarman of Charles County and he is advised that he is entitled to be free, being descended in the female line from Elizabeth Thomas a free white woman. He therefore prays your Honours the premises being considered, and the facts established to discharge him from the service of the said Raphael Boarman; and he as in duty bound will pray &c. G. Duvall for Plff.

Whereupon in pursuance of the rule of the Court here in such cases made and provided, the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid, on the day and year aforesaid prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Subpena ad respondendum against the said Raphael Boarman directed to the sheriff of Charles County in form following to wit.

The State of Maryland to wit. To the sheriff of Charles County Greeting. We command you that you summons Raphael Boarman late of Charles County, that all delays and excuses be set aside he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next to answer unto the petition of John Thomas 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

Court the 14th day of February Anno Domini 1792.

Issued the 7th day of March Anno Domini 1792. G.D. Jno. 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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing summons comes into the General Court here the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid; and the sheriff of Charles County aforesaid to whom the said Summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. Summoned James Simms Shff. Whereupon, comes into the General Court here the said Raphael Boarman by John Campbell his attorney. And thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here is continued until the second tuesday of October next, the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and so forth. At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, come again into the General Court here as well the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Raphael Boarman by his attorney aforesaid: Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by order of the Court here is further continued until the second tuesday of May next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and so forth.

At which said second second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into the General Court here as well the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid as the said Raphael Boarman by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon Further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by order of the Court here is further continued until the second Tuesday of October next; the same day is given to the said parties then and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the Eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into the General Court here as well the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid as the said Raphael Boarman by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid