her from her infancy. That Mary anne Butler who petitioned against Joshua Turby is also daughter of the deponents said sister anne, & he has known her from her Infancy. That Henny Butler who petitioned against Edward Hamilton is also daughter of the deponents sister anne & he has known her from her infancy. That Josias Butler who petitioned against James Neale is son of the said anne, sister of the deponent, & he has known him ever since he was a child.

Sworn to this 19th day of May before J Bullen.

The Deposition of Ignatius Butler aged about forty seven years being first duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God saith that he has known the petitioner about sixteen or seventeen years; that when he first knew him he belonged to Mr Pye when he was a small boy; that he always understood from the said Mr Pye, he son Walter & his sister Jane Butler that William was her son; that Jane Butler was Daughter of Beck Butler mother of the deponent who obtained his freedom on petition against Joseph Simms of Montgomery County.

Sworn this fifteenth day of May 1795 before John Randall.

Jane Shorter aged upwards of sixty two years being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith that she knows Teresa Butler now present, & has known her from the time of her birth; she is daughter of Mary Butler, whom the deponent knew ever since she the said Mary was a girl; that Mary belonged to Mr Mary Boarman when the deponent first knew her and said Mary was sister of Nace who obtained his freedom against one Forde and daughter of Peggy, the mother of said Nace; and the deponent has always understood that Cate whom the deponent knew was daughter of Rebecca Butler and grandmother to the aforesaid Mary mother of Teresa.

Sworn to this 20th day of May 1796 J Bullen

Anne Butler aged upwards of forty years being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God saith that she knows the petitioner Clare Butler and has known her since her infancy. she was born the property of Jane Boarman with whom this deponent lived, and is daughter of Peggy Butler who obtained her freedom on petition in the General Court against the aforesaid Jane Boarman. she further saith that she also knows Matthew and Lewis Butler the petitioners against the said Jane Boarman & knew them from their Infancy they are brothers of Clare Butler and sons of the aforesaid Peggy. And she further saith that she does not know any person named Charity Butler who belongs to the said Jane Boarman; & further saith not.

1795 sworn to this 28 day of October before J Bullen.

Whereupon all & 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 Elizabeth Butler the petitioner aforesaid is entitled to her freedom as she by her petition to the Court here hath alleged.

Therefore it is considered by the court here that the said Elizabeth Butler the petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from (the)

the service of the said Joseph Simms and that she the said Elizabeth Butler the petitioner aforesaid go thereof without day &c. It is further considered by the court here that the said Elizabeth Butler recover against the said Joseph Simms the quantity of One thousand three hundred and sixty two pounds of Tobacco by the court here ante her on her assent adjudged for her Costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her petition laid out and expended, and that she have thereof her execution and so forth.

Test John Guirin Clk.

William Butler against Joseph Edelen

Same Proceedings and Judgment, mutatis mutandis as in the preceding case, - Elizabeth Butler against Joseph Simms, except the following Petition & summons, to wit.

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court

The petition of William Butler humbly shewes that he is held as a slave by Joseph Eagline of Prince Georges County although he is intitled to his freedom being descended from a free woman. your petitioner is the son of Jane Butler who was the Daughter of Rebecca Butler who was the daughter of Jane Butler, who was the daughter of Eleanor Butler a free woman. He therefore prayeth that you honours would take his Case into consideration and discharge him from the custody of the aforesaid Joseph Eagline and that summonses may issue for his Witnesses and so forth.

G Duvall for petitioner.

Upon which petition the following summons was issued to wit.

The State of Maryland Gt. To the sheriff of Prince Georges county Greeting &c. Command you that you summons Joseph Eagline late of Prince Georges county that all excuses and delays 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 the petition of William Butler 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 Thomas Johnson Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 24 day of November anno Domini 1790.

Issued the 7th day of December 1790

G Duvall

Test John Guirin Clk.

John Guirin Clk.

Clare Butler, Charley Butler, Matthew Butler & Lewis Butler against Jane Boarman.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two Clare Butler, Charley Butler, Matthew Butler and Lewis Butler by Gabriel Duvall their attorney prefer to the Court here their petition for freedom against Jane Boarman in form following to wit.

To the honourable Judges of the general Court.

The petition of Clare, Charley, Matthew and Lewis Butler humbly shewith (that)