said attorney (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the said Petitioner also.

And Now at this day court the said Second Tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, to which said day the said Mary Boarman had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attorneys. and the said Phillis Shorter and Letty her Daughter by Jonathan Robert Wilmer their attorney file in Court here the following Deposition to wit. (here insert the Deposition of Jenny Shorter as entered in page 41)

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 Phillis Shorter and Letty her Daughter the petitioners aforesaid are entitled to their freedom as they by their petition to the Court here have alledged. Therefore it is Considered by the Court here that the said Phillis Shorter and Letty her Daughter the petitioners aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the service of the said Mary Boarman and that they the said Phillis Shorter and Letty her Daughter the petitioners aforesaid go thence without day &c: It is further Considered by the court here that the said Phillis Shorter and Letty her Daughter recover against the said Mary Boarman the quantity of six hundred and forty three pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them on their assent adjudged for their Costs and Charges by them about the prosecution of their petition laid out and expended, and that they have thereof their execution &c.

Test John Gwinn Clk

Letty Shorter against Mary Boarman	Same Proceedings and Judgment Mutatis Mutandis as in the foregoing Judgment of Phillis Shorter and Letty her Daughter against Mary Boarman page 42

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Joseph Shorter against Thomas Brewer	Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit on the seventh day of april in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety two. Joseph Shorter by Gabriel Duvall his attorney presents to the Court here his petition for freedom against Thomas Brewer in form following to wit.

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court

(The)

The Petition of Joseph Shorter humbly sheweth that he is held in slavery by Thomas Brewer of St Marys County; and he is advised, that he is entitled to his freedom being descended in the female line from a free white woman. He therefore prays your Honors the premises being considered to discharge him from the Custody of the said Thomas Brewer; if he should prove his descent as aforesaid, and that Summons may issue for the said Thomas Brewer to answer this petition, and he will pray &c so &c.

G Duvall for the Pet.

Thereupon it is ordered by the court here that the writ of the state of Maryland of Subpena ad respondendum issue against the said Thomas Brewer to answer unto the said Petition and so &c, and the same accordingly issues in form following to wit.

The State of Maryland To the sheriff of Saint Marys County Greeting We command you that you summons Thomas Brewer late of Saint Marys 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 unto the petition of Joseph Shorter 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 Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 14th day of February Anno Domini 1792.

Issued the 8th day of April Anno Domini 1792

G D. Jno Gwinn Clk

The same day is given to the said Joseph Shorter and so &c.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here as well the said Joseph Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Saint Marys County to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

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and the said Thomas Brewer by Philip Barton Key his attorney appears in Court here and defends the force and injury when and so &c, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the petitioner also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. to which said day the said Thomas Brewer had leave to imparle come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attorneys, and the said Thomas Brewer by his said attorney as before defends the force and injury when and so &c and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the petitioner also.

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