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. and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here as well the petitioners by their attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Accomack 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 Clement Briscoe by Philip Barton Key his attorney appears in Court here and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays 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.

At which said second Tuesday of may being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, to which said day the said Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies and the said Clement Briscoe by his said attorney as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next and to him it is granted the same is given to the petitioner also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, to which said day the said Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies. and the said Clement Briscoe by his attorney as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays 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.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, to which day the said Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies, and the said Clement Briscoe by his said attorney as before defends the force and injury when and so forth 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 fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four; to which said day the said

said Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here, as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies and the said Clement Briscoe, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays 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.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, to which day the said Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies, and the said Clement Briscoe as before defends the force and injury when and so forth 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 thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, to which said day the said Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies, and the said Clement Briscoe by his attorney aforesaid, 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 petitioner also.

And now at this day to wit 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 Clement Briscoe had leave to imparle come again into the General Court as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attornies. and the said Ann Thomas, Jarrett Thomas and John Thomas by Jonathan R Milner their attorney file in Court here the following Deposition to wit. [Here insert the Deposition of Henry Thomas, as recorded in this Book page 57.]

Whereupon all and singular the premisses between the parties aforesaid by the Court here being fully heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had for that it appears to the Court here that the said Ann Thomas, Jarrett Thomas and John Thomas 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 Ann Thomas and her two children Jarrett and John, the petitioners aforesaid be free and discharged

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