of May next and to him it is granted the same day is given to the Petitioner also.

And now at this day towit 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 Thomas Attaway Reeder had leave to imparle. Come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attorney and the said Richard Thomas by Jonathan R Wilmer his attorney file in Court here the following Deposition towit.

[Here insert the Deposition of Henry Thomas in page 57].

Henry Thomas aged about fifty one years being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he is the son of Peggy commonly called simply Peg, who was the reputed daughter of Betty Minger; & obtained his freedom of Michael Stone esquire. That he knows Richard the petitioner now present, and has known him ever since he sucked at the breast of his mother, whose name was Margaret & who was sister of the Deponent, & born of the same mother, & his said sister was younger than himself, and both born in the family of David Stone.

Sworn to this 17th day of May 1796.

Before J Buller.

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 so that it appears to the Court here that the said Richard Thomas the petitioner aforesaid is entitled to his freedom as he by his petition to the Court here hath alleged. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Richard Thomas the petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the service of the said Thomas Attaway Reeder and that he the said Richard Thomas the petitioner aforesaid go thence of without day and &c.

It is further considered by the Court here that the said Richard Thomas recover against the said Thomas Attaway Reeder the quantity of seven hundred and fifty four pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his assent adjudged for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his petition laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his execution and &c.

Test John Guinn Clerk

David Thomas against Nicholas Blacklock	Same Proceedings and Judgment mutatis Mutandis as in the preceding Case of Richard Thomas against Thomas Attaway Reeder Page 62. Test John Guinn Clk
Gustavus Thomas against Lott Mason	Be it Remembered that heretofore towit, on the Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety three Gustavus Thomas by Gabriel Duvall his attorney prefers to the court here his petition for freedom against Lancelot Mason in form following, towit.

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

The Petition of Gustavus Thomas humbly sheweth that he is held as a slave by Lancelot Mason, otherwise called Lot Mason of Charles County altho he is entitled to his freedom. He therefore prays that your Honours would take his Case into Consideration, and discharge him from the Custody of the aforesaid Mason; and that Summonses may issue for his Witnesses and &c &c.

G Duvall for Petitioner.

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the writ of the State of Maryland of subpena ad respondendum issue against the said Lott Mason to answer unto the said Petition, which accordingly issues in form following towit.

The State of Maryland &c. To the sheriff of Charles County Greeting. We command you that you summon Lancelot Mason late of Charles 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 Gustavus 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 honorable Samuel Chase Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 8th day of October Anno Domini 1793.

Issued the 18th day of October 1793.

G D. Jno Guinn Clk.

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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here ..... the said Gustavus Thomas by his attorney aforesaid; and the sheriff of Charles County to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed towit.

"Ex Est James Simms Shff"

(and)