And the said Gabriel Duvall by his Attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said Thomas Hobbs above in pleading alledged from having and maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded; because he saith that the aforesaid Thomas Hobbs hath not paid unto him the said Gabriel Duvall Trustee as aforesaid, the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and ten pence half penny Current money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said Thomas Hobbs above by pleading hath alledged and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the aforesaid Thomas Hobbs in like manner and so forth. — Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Court here on the second Tuesday of October next; by whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. because as well &c. the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and there &c.

And now at this day to wit the said second tuesday of October being the Eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six comes again here into the General Court as well the said Gabriel Duvall Trustee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Thomas Hobbs by his Attorney aforesaid. —

And the said Thomas Hobbs by his Attorney aforesaid — relinquishing the averment aforesaid above by him pretended says that he cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the said Gabriel Duvall Trustee as aforesaid, so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he owes to the said Gabriel Duvall Trustee as aforesaid the said sum of fourteen hundred and twenty six pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence Current money in manner and form aforesaid so as the said Gabriel Duvall above against him hath Declared. — Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Gabriel Duvall trustee as aforesaid recover against the said Thomas Hobbs as well the sum of fourteen hundred and twenty six pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence Current money his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as also the quantity of Eight hundred and Seventy six pounds of tobacco by the Court here unto the said Gabriel Duvall trustee as aforesaid on his assent adjudged as well for his Damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt as for his costs and charges by him about his Suit in

(this)

this behalf laid out and expended; and the said Thomas Hobbs in Mercy &c.

Memorandum: Judgment was rendered in this cause on the Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six for penalty and costs of Suit; and the Plaintiff agrees to release the penalty upon the payment of principal Interest and Costs; and agrees to stay Execution until the fifth day of January next; payments if any to be allowed. —

Test. John Irvine Clk.

Richard Higgins against Nathaniel Allen	Be it remembered that on the second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five the Worshipful Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Ann Arundel County Court transmitted to the Honorable the Judges of our General Court here the following Record and proceedings on Appeal before them made, to wit,

Ann Arundel County, ss. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the third Monday of September being the day of the same month in the year 1794. —

Were Present.

The Worshipfull { Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice
Samuel Ridout Associate Justice

William Goldsmith Gent. Sheriff. Nich. Harwood Cl.

In the Record and proceedings of the same Court is the following to wit

Ign. Nathaniel Allen vs. P.B.K. & D. Richard Higgins	Petition. — To the Honourable the Judges of Ann Arundel County Court The Petition of Nathaniel Allen, humbly sheweth That your —

petitioner is unjustly held in Slavery by a certain Richard Higgins of Ann Arundel County planter when he is intitled to his Freedom being descended from a free Woman. Your petitioner therefore prays your honours to take his case into Consideration and direct a Summons to issue for the said Richard Higgins to shew Cause why he should not be — discharged from the Service of the said Higgins and your petitioner will pray —

Tho. Jenings for Pet.

Which being read and heard and mature Deliberation thereupon had it was Ordered that Summons issue against the said Richard Higgins

(returnable)