which issued in the words following to wit. –

Ann Arundel County, to wit, The State of Maryland
To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County Greeting. We command you that you Summon Richard Higgins that all excuses set apart he be and appear before the Justices of our County Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the third Monday of April next to answer unto Nathaniel Allen on a Petition for Freedom, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ, Witness Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 20th day of September Anno Domini 1793.

Issued the 22nd day of January 1794 Nich Harwood Cl.

At which said third Monday in April seventeen hundred and ninety four being the day of the return of the said Summons comes the said Nathaniel Allen by his Attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the same was directed comes and makes return thereto to the Court here thus endorsed

Summoned, William Goldsmith Sheriff.

And the said Richard Higgins by Philip Barton Key and Gabriel Duvall his Attornies comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth And prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the petitioner also. – And the said petitioner by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Depositions, to wit –

The Deposition of Jane Allen aged forty years or thereabouts being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she is Mother to the petitioner Nathaniel Allen whom she had by a Negro Man that she is the Daughter of Hannah Allen a Mulatto and that she always understood and heard from General report that her said Mother was the Daughter of a White Scotch Woman named Hannah Allen and that the said Hannah Allen had the Deponents Mother by a Negro. Sworn before me this 18th Septr 1794. James Machubin.

The Deposition of Hannah Allen aged sixty years or thereabouts being Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that her Mother was as she always understood from General report and believes a wite Woman born in Scotland named Hannah Allen that she never heard this report contradicted but that her Mother died before she can remember and that her said Mother

as she always understood from General report and believes had the Deponent by a Negro Man and that she (the Deponent) was adjudged to serve for Thirty one years as a Mulatto, this Deponent further saith she had a child by a Negro Man which child is now living and named Jane Allen who is the mother of the petitioner by a Negro man. Sworn before me this 18th Septr 1794. – James Machubin.

The Deposition of Nace Allen aged forty two years or thereabouts being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he is the son of Hannah Allen the Mother of the petitioner and that he always understood and heard from General report that his said Mother was the Daughter of a White Scotch woman named Hannah Allen and that the said Hannah Allen had the Deponents Mother by a Negro and further saith his Sister Jane Allen had the petitioner by a Negro Man. – Sworn before James Machubin. –

And the said Defendant by his Attorneys aforesaid filed in Court here the following, to wit. –

Lord Proprietary ag. Jane Allen	Prince Georges County Court, August Term 1772 Molatto Basterdy Convict pr. Submission Prince Georges County ss. Memorandum that on this day to wit, the fourth Tuesday in August

seventeen hundred and seventy two Jane Allen Servant to Richard Higgins in her proper person in Court here comes and says that she is Guilty of Molatto Basterdy, Whereupon the premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood It is Considered by the same Court that the Jane Allen for her offence aforesaid be a Servant for and during the Term of Seven years after the Expiration of her present Servitude and that she serve her present Master nine months for the Houble of his House, It is also considered by the same Court that the Bastard child as aforesaid named Matt five months old be a Servant untill he arrive to the Age of Thirty one years and that he be immediately set up to public Sale for the benefit of the Bounty agreeable to the directions of the Act of Assembly in such Cases made and provided, Thereupon Richard Higgins in his proper person in Court here being the highest bidder he therefore is sold to the said Richard Higgins for One hundred and ten pounds of Tobacco and the said Jane Allen is dismissed &c.

True Copy from Liber CC No. 1 folio 186. one of the Judgment Records of Prince Georges County. John R. Magruder Junr Clk.

At which said next Court to wit, the third Monday in September