Summons was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Summoned. Francis Hamersley, Sheriff.

Whereupon, comes into the General Court here the said Raphael Neale by Thomas DuVhurst Merrick his attorney, And on motion of the said Clement Shorter by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Raphael Neale recognize to the State of Maryland in the sum of one hundred pounds Current money in the usual form:

Whereupon the said Raphael Neale in his proper person acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of one hundred pounds Current money to be levied of his body, goods and Chattels lands and tenements to and for the use of the said State of Maryland on Condition that the said Raphael Neale do not remove the said Clement Shorter out of the said State of Maryland, nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time in Support of his petition for Freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said Raphael Neale and in the mean time to find Cloath and use him well and pay whatever satisfaction the Court shall adjudge for the services of the said Clement Shorter from this Term to the time of the Judgment with Costs.

And the said Raphael Neale by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury, when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the said second Tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the said Clement Shorter also.

At which said second tuesday of May, being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Clement Shorter by his attorney aforesaid as the said Raphael Neale by his attorney aforesaid: And the said Raphael Neale by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury, when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted the same day, is given to the said Clement Shorter also.

At which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four come again into the General Court here as well the said Clement Shorter by his attorney aforesaid as the said Raphael Neale by his attorney aforesaid: And the said Raphael Neale by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here further to imparle untill the second tuesday

Tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the said Clement Shorter also.

At which said second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five come again into the General Court here as well the said Clement Shorter by his attorney aforesaid as the said Raphael Neale by Walter Dorsey his attorney: And the aforesaid Raphael Neale by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said Clement Shorter is the proper ~~person~~ Slave of him the said Raphael Neale and this he is ready to verify, without this the said Clement Shorter is descended from a free woman wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Clement Shorter ought to be discharged from the further Service of the said Raphael Neale.

Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by order of the Court here is continued untill the second tuesday of October next.

At which said second tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five come again into the General Court here as well the said Clement Shorter by his attorney aforesaid as the said Raphael Neale by Walter Dorsey and John Tomson Mason his attornies: And the said Clement Shorter by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here the Deposition of Terry Shorter which is in form following to wit.

Teresa Shorter vs Joseph Boarman. The deposition of Terry Shorter aged fifty eight years being sworn on the holy evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she knows Teresa Shorter who petitioned against Joseph Boarman and has known her eighteen or nineteen years that she is sister of Charity Shorter who obtained her freedom against Ignatius Matthews and also a Sister of Basil Shorter who petitioned against Charles Carroll and obtained his freedom.

That Robert Shorter who petitioned against Mary Neale now Mary Simms by Intermarriage with Robert Simms is also a brother of Basil who petitioned against Charles Carroll being the son of Lucy Shorter who formerly belonged to William Neale near port Tobacco.

That Jim Shorter who petitioned against Mrs Bradford is also son of Lucy aforesaid and brother of Basil who obtained his freedom against Charles Carroll.

That Stephen Shorter who petitioned against John Boarman is son of Jenny who petitioned against Mrs Bradford which Jenny is full Sister of this Deponent and this deponent obtained her freedom against Mrs Chunn.

That Ann Shorter who petitioned against Raphael Boarman is also a daughter of this deponents Sister Jenny aforesaid.

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