Gustavus Thomas who petitioned against Lot Mason the Deponent knows well he is the son of Jenny who is daughter of Clare who was daughter of Sempleds Peg aforesaid, all of whom the Deponent knew very well

Sworn to this 30th day of October 1795. before John Randall

Anne Arundel County ss. On the 30th day of October 1795 Robert Lusson appeared before the subscriber & made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that he has attended one day as an evidence for Lawson Thomas against William Campbell & that he was lawfully summoned for that purpose, and that he lives about five miles below Port Tobacco. John Randall

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 for that it appears to the Court here that the said Lucy Thomas the petitioner aforesaid is entitled to her freedom being descended in the female line from a free white woman as she by her petition to the Court here hath alleged, therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Lucy Thomas the petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the service of the aforesaid David Stone and that she the said Lucy Thomas the petitioner aforesaid go thereof without day and so forth. it is also considered by the Court here that the said Lucy Thomas the petitioner aforesaid recover against the said David Stone the quantity of six hundred and sixty seven pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto her the said Lucy Thomas on her agreement adjudged for her costs and charges by her about the prosecution of her petition aforesaid laid out & expended and that she have thereof her execution &c.

Test Jno. Gwinn cl

Sarah Thomas against David Stone

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two Sarah Thomas by Gabriel Duvall her attorney preferred and filed in the General Court here her petition for freedom against David Stone which is in form following to wit, To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court. The petition of Sarah Thomas humbly sheweth that she is held in slavery by David Stone of Charles County and she is advised that she is entitled to her freedom being descended in the female line from a free white woman, she therefore prays your honours the premises being considered to discharge her from the custody of the said David Stone and that summons may issue for him to answer this petition and she will pray and so forth. G Duvall for the pet.

Whereupon in pursuance of the rule and order of the Court here in such cases on the day and year aforesaid the said Sarah Thomas by her attorney

aforesaid prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of subpoena ad respondendum against the said David Stone directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in form following to wit. The State of Maryland to wit to the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting. We command you that you summons David Stone 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 Sarah Thomas preferred against him for freedom thereof he is not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ, Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 9th day of October anno Domini 1798

Issued the 27th day of October anno Domini 1798. (G D) Jno. Gwinn cl.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three and the day of the return of the aforegoing summons comes into the General Court here the said Sarah Thomas by her attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid to whom the said summons was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. "Summoned" Jas. Simms Shff Whereupon comes into the General Court here the said David Stone by Philip Barton Key his attorney; and on motion of the said Sarah Thomas by her attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said David Stone enter into a recognizance to the State of Maryland in the usual form in such cases, whereupon the said David Stone in his proper person acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of fifty 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 David Stone do not remove the said Sarah Thomas out of the said State of Maryland nor obstruct her from attending this Court from time to time in support of her petition for freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said David Stone and in the mean time to feed cloath and use her well and pay whatever satisfaction the Court shall adjudge for the services of the said Sarah Thomas from this Term to the time of the Judgment with costs. Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by order of the Court here is continued until the second Tuesday of October next, the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and so forth

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three comes again into the General Court here as well the said Sarah Thomas by her attorney aforesaid as the said David Stone by his attorney aforesaid Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by order of the Court here is continued until the second Tuesday of May next the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then & so forth

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