will of the said Richard Sprigg, commanding them to be and appear before the General Court here on the second tuesday of May next, to defend the action aforesaid; according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and such summons accordingly issues in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland ss: To the sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting. Whereas Richard Sprigg late of Anne Arundel County Gentleman, was heretofore summoned to be in the General Court, held at the City of Annapolis, to answer unto Georg Boston in a plea of Freedom and soforth; to which said plea the said Richard Sprigg appeared and imparled: And Whereas the said Richard Sprigg is since deceased, as it hath been suggested in the said General Court: Therefore you are hereby commanded to summon John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Executrix of the Testament and last will of the said Richard Sprigg, that they be and appear before the said General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next, to answer unto the said George Boston in the plea aforesaid, according to the directions of the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided, if to them it shall seem meet. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Jeremiah Townley Chase esquire chief Judge of the said General Court, the Eighth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. Issued the Eleventh day of November 1799. — J.R.W. Jno. Gwinn Clk. — the same day is given to the said George Boston then and there and soforth. — And now at this day to wit the said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred, comes again into the General Court here, the said George Boston by his attorney aforesaid, and the said sheriff of Anne arundel County to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here that he hath summoned the said John Francis Mercer and Sophia Mercer his wife to answer to the said Georg Boston, as by the said summons he was commanded: Whereupon the said John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Executrix of the said Richard Sprigg by Richard Sprigg their attorney appear in Court here, and say, that they cannot deny the complaint aforesaid of the said George Boston the petitioner aforesaid, so as aforesaid made, nor but that the said George Boston the petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to his Freedom, being descended, in the female line, from a free yellow woman being one of the protaguen, in manner and form as the said George Boston by his said Petition to the Court here preferred against the said Richard Sprigg above hath alleged; And thereupon the said George Boston by his attorney aforesaid, prays that he may be dismissed

and discharged from the service of the said John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Executrix as aforesaid, together with his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his said petition, to him to be adjudged and soforth. — Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said George Boston the petitioner aforesaid, recover of and against the said John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Executrix as aforesaid, his freedom, and that he be hence freed and discharged of and from the service of the said John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Executrix as aforesaid, and that he the said Georg Boston the petitioner aforesaid go freed and discharged thereof without day and soforth. And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Georg Boston the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Executrix as aforesaid the sum of One thousand five hundred and twenty five pounds of tobacco, by the Court here unto the said George Boston in his assent adjudged, for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of said petition in this behalf laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his Execution and soforth. —

Test — John Gwinn Clk. —

111. id.

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Petitions. No 19.	id	against (aa	Same Judgment mutatis mutandis as the case George Boston against same, in this Book, page 44. cd.
M.C. Lee R.S.J.		same.	
May Term 1792. G.J. G.D. J.R.W.		Bet Boston.	Same.
Petitions. No. 20	id	against (aa	Same Judgment mutatis mutandis as the case George Boston against John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Exx of Richard Sprigg in this Book, page 44. cd. except as to the suggestion of death cd.
M.C. Lee R.S.J.		John Francis Mercer	
May Term 1792. G.J. G.D. J.R.W.		Daniel Boston.	Same.
Petitions. No. 21.	id	against (aa	Same Judgment mutatis mutandis as the case Georg Boston against John Francis Mercer and Sophia his wife Exx of Richard Sprigg, in this Book, page 44 cd. except as to the suggestion of death cd.
M.C. Lee R.S.J.		same.	