Barbadoes to England and afterwards brought into this County by Lord Baltimore claiming her as a slave between the years 1676 and 1681. and that she during her life was held used and treated as a slave and that her issue have been held as slaves ever since that then they must find a verdict for the defendant but the Court refused to give the said direction to the Jury to which opinion of the Court the defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except according to the statute in such case made and provided and that they would sign and seal this his Bill of Exceptions which was accordingly done

Jeremiah Townley (Seal)
John Done (Seal)

And thereupon the said John Ashton by his attornies aforesaid prays that he may appeal from the Judgment aforesaid of the Court here to the Judges of the Court of Appeals and to him the same is granted by the Court here on his complying with the directions of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided whereupon the said John Ashton by his attornies aforesaid Exhibiteth to the Court here an appeal Bond entered into by himself and two sureties which by the Court here are approved of the Tenor whereof ensueth in the words and figures following to wit Know all men by these presents that we John Ashton Charles Wallace and John Munn are held and firmly bound unto Charles Mahoney in the sum of three hundred pounds Current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Charles Mahoney his Executors or Assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this fourth day of June 1799.

Whereas the said Charles Mahoney having heretofore filed his petition in the General Court for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland against the said John Ashton to recover his freedom upon which said petition the said Charles Mahoney in the said Court at May Term 1799 obtained Judgment for his freedom and the costs of the said petition from which said Judgment the said John Ashton is about to prosecute an appeal before the Court of Appeals now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John Ashton shall not pursue the directions of the act of Assembly Entitled an act for regulating writs of Error and granting Appeals to and from the Courts of common Law within this Province at the next Court of Appeals and prosecute the same with effect and also satisfy and pay to the said Charles Mahoney his Executors administrators or assigns in case the said Judgment shall be affirmed as well all and singular the damages and costs adjudged by the General Court aforesaid as also all costs and damages that shall be awarded by the Court of Appeals aforesaid then the said Bond to be and remain in full force and virtue otherwise of no effect

signed sealed and delivered in the presence
Mary Wallace.

John Ashton (Seal)
Chas Wallace (Seal)
Jno. Munn (Seal)

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court here that a record of the proceedings aforesaid between the parties aforesaid together with all things thereunto relating be transmitted to the State of Maryland's High Court of Appeals and they are Transmitted accordingly

Test
John Gwinn Clk

The State of Maryland S.s I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from the records of proceedings of the