otherwise called John Bavington of Cecil County if he should be found in his bailiwick and him safe keep so that he should have his body before the Judges at the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Courthouse the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Henry Ward Pearce of a Plea that he should render unto him the sum of Sixteen hundred and sixty Pounds lawful Money of Maryland which to him he owed and unjustly detained &c. And that he should not thereof fail at his Peril And that he should have then and there that Writ. Witness The Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esqr. chief Judge of said Court the 22d. day of September 1781. Issued the 30th. day of March 1782. G. James Earle Clk.

And now here to wit the same second Tuesday of April 1782 cometh the aft. Henry Ward Pearce by Robert Goldsborough Junior his Attorney And the Sheriff of Cecil County aft. maketh return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit. Cepi Copy served the 4th April 1782. Pat. Hamilton Sheriff. And the aft. Henry Ward Pearce by his Attorney afore-said offers himself in the Plea aft. against the aft. John Bavington and complaineth in the words following to wit.

Cecil County to wit John Bavington late of Cecil County Farmer was Summoned to answer unto Henry Ward Pearce of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of sixteen hundred and sixty Pounds lawful Money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c.

And Whereupon the same Henry Ward Pearce by Robert Goldsborough Junior his Attorney says that the aft. John Bavington on the nineteenth day of January in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty one at Cecil County aft. by his certain Writing obligatory which he the aft. Henry Ward Pearce with the Seal of the aft. John Bavington Sealed here into Court doth bring the date whereof is the same day & Year aft. acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aft. Henry Ward Pearce in the aft. sum of sixteen hundred and sixty Pounds lawful Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Henry Ward Pearce his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns when thereto afterwards he should be required to which Payment to be made the aft. John Bavington did bind himself his heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by the same Writing Nevertheless the aft. John Bavington (altho' often required) the aft. Sum of Money or any part thereof to the said Henry Ward Pearce yet hath not paid but the same to the said Henry Ward Pearce to pay the said John Bavington altogether hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said Henry Ward Pearce two thousand Pounds current Money and thereupon he brings Suit &c.

R Goldsborough Junr. p. Plaintiff. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe

And the aft. John Bavington by Gustavus Scott his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when and &c. and saith that

he cannot gainsay the Action aft. of the aft. Henry Ward Pearce nor can he deny but that the Writing obligatory aft. is the Deed of him the said John Bavington nor but that he owe unto the same Henry Ward Pearce the aft. Sum of Sixteen hundred and sixty Pounds lawful Money of Maryland in manner and form as the above Henry Ward Pearce above against him hath declared.

Therefore It is considered by the Court here that the aft. Henry Ward Pearce do recover against the said John Bavington his debt aft. to be released on the Payment of Eight hundred and thirty Pounds Specie with Interest thereon to also Tobacco for his Damages wch. he hath sustained by occasion of the Detention of that Debt unto the aft. Henry Ward Pearce by the Court here of his Assent adjudged and the aft. John Bavington in Mercy and &c. James Earle Clk.

Mulattoes Daphne Mary, Adam, Comfort Tom, Ned, & Stephen.

against

Frederick Causey.

The State of Maryland. Be it remembered. That Mulattoes Daphne, Mary, Adam, Comfort, Tom, Ned, and Stephen to the Court here prefers the following Petition to wit. To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Court now sitting The Petition of Mulattoes Daphne, Mary, Adam, Comfort, Tom, Ned, and Stephen, Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners are held and unjustly detained as Slaves by a certain Frederick Causey of Caroline County. Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honors to Issue Subpoena against the said Frederick Causey to answer unto your Petitioners of and upon the Premises And that your Petitioners may have such relief in the Premises as to your Honors may seem meet and your Petitioners will ever Pray. Robert Goldsborough Counsel for Petitioners.

Which Petition being read and Granted It is by the said Court ordered that Summons issue against the said Frederick Causey for his immediate appearance to answer the Complaint of the aft. Petitioners which said Summons being Issued and return being made of the same by the Sheriff of Caroline County for the time being that he hath Summoned the aft. Frederick Causey to appear and Answer according to the Exigence of the same Summons

And the aft. Frederick Causey by Gustavus Scott his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when and &c. and produces to the Court his several Witnesses to testify in his behalf of and upon the Premises And the said Petitioners in like manner and &c.

Whereupon all and singular the Premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood and mature deliberation thereon had.

Therefore It is considered by the Court here That the aft. Mulattoes Daphne, Mary, Adam, Comfort, Tom, Ned and Stephen be no longer held and detained as Slaves by the said Frederick Causey but that they the same Mulattoes Daphne, Mary, Adam, Comfort, Tom, Ned and Stephen be and are set by the Court free and at full Liberty from the said Frederick Causey to all intents and Purposes whatsoever &c. James Earle Clk.