Debt as the Sum of two Pounds seven shillings and nine pence current Money which by consideration of the same Court was then and there Judged unto the said William Buchanan Junr. for his damages sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt as for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in that behalf laid out and expended as by the Record and process thereof in our said Court remaining manifestly appears And whereas the said Lambert Hyland hath not paid the Condemnation of the Court in the Plea aft.nor rendered his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Somerset County in Satisfaction thereof as by the Insinuation of the said William Buchanan have received And because we will that those things which in our said Court are rightly done and transacted should be brought to due Execution We Command you That by Good and lawful Men of your bailiwick you make known unto the said Lambert Hyland that he be and appear before the Judges of our said General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next to shew cause if any he hath or knoweth why the said William Buchanan Junr. Execution of the Debt and Damages aft. against him the said Lambert Hyland according to the recovery aft. to have ought not if to him it shall seem meet And have you then and there the names of those before whom you shall make the same known unto him and this Writ Witness Nicholas Thomas Esqr. one of the Judges of said Court the day of September Anno Domini 1781. LM James Earle Clk.

Issued the 25th day of March 1782.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1782. came the aft. William Buchanan Junr by Luther Martin his Attorney And the Sheriff of Somerset County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the words following to wit

Nihil. James Haynie Sheriff.

Whereupon It was again Commanded to the Sheriff of Somerset County aft. That by Good and lawful Men of his bailiwick he should make known unto the said Lambert Hyland that he should be and appear before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of September then next to shew cause if any he had or knew why the said William Buchanan Junr. Execution of the Debt and Damages aft. against him the said Lambert Hyland according to the recovery aft. to have ought not if to him it should seem meet And that he should have then and there the names of those before whom he should make the same known unto him and that Writ Witness Nicholas Thomas Esqr. one of the Judges of said Court the day of April Anno Domini 1782.

Issued the 10th day of June 1782. LM James Earle Clk.

And now here to wit the same second Tuesday of September 1782 cometh the aft. William Buchanan Junr by his Attorney aft. And the Sheriff of Somerset County aft. maketh return of the Writ aft. in the words following to wit Nihil James Haynie Sheriff And the aft. Lambert Hyland all the solemnly called cometh not but maketh Default.

Therefore It is considered by the Court here that the aft. William Buchanan Junior have Execution against the aft. Lambert Hyland for his Debt and Damages aft. by the Default of the aft. Lambert Hyland and so forth. And it is further considered that the aft. William Buchanan Junior do recover against the said Lambert Hyland Tobacco for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this part appeared according to the form of the Statute in such case made and Provided Adjudged And that he hath thereof Execution and so forth

James Earle Clk.

Mulattoes, Robert Nash, James Nash, Triphena Nash, Jane Nash, & Esther Nash &c against Christopher Driver

The State of Maryland, Be it remembered That Mulattoes, Robert, James, Triphena, Jane, and Esther Nash, to the Court here prefer the following Petition to wit!

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland. The Petition of Robert Nash, James Nash, Triphena Nash, Jane Nash, Esther Nash and Peg Nash, of Caroline County humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners are held and detained as Slaves by Christopher Driver of Caroline County contrary to Law and Justice, your Petitioners being justly and legally intitled to their freedom. They therefore Humbly Pray that a Subpoena may Issue against the said Driver to answer the complaint of your said Petitioners, & that your Honours will be pleased to grant them such Relief in the Premises as to your Honors shall seem meet and they will ever pray. RG

Which Petitions being read and Granted It is by the said Court ordered that Summons Issue against the said Christopher Driver 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. Christopher Driver to appear and answer according to the Exigence of the same Summons.

And the aft. Christopher Driver in his proper person comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth And submits himself to further determination and Judgment of this Court And the Petitioners in like manner &c. Whereupon all and singular the Premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood and mature deliberation thereon had. It is considered by the Court here that the aft. Petitioners be no longer held and detained as Slaves by the said Christopher Driver but that they the same Petitioners be and are set by the Court here free and at full Liberty from the said Christopher Driver to all intents and Purposes whatsoever. And it is further considered by the Court here that the aft. Petitioners do recover against the said Christopher Driver the sum of

Pounds of Tobacco for their Costs & Charges by them about their Petition in this part appeared &c.

James Earle Clk.