to dispose of or give away any Butter, Poultry or eggs without Leave from her said Master or his heirs or assigns that then and in such Cases the present Instrument of writing or manumition shall cease and be of no force or power and the said negro Pris and her issue to remain slaves forever the same as though these presents had never been done made or agreed to but on the Conditions aforesaid the said Thomas Browning for himself his heirs Executors administrators or assigns doth from and after the time aforesaid acquit and forever execute any claim or property to the said Pris save as before Reserved and on the Conditions above expressed: In Witness whereof the aforesaid Thomas Browning hath hereunto set his hand and seal this eleventh day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

Be it remembered that the word ("me" Between second and third Lines as also the word "Moving" between the third and fourth Lines, as also the word "not" between sixth and seventh Lines was interlined before signing and sealing of these presents. —

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the present of } Th Browning (Seal)

James McLachlan

(Memorandum that on the day and year within written the aforegoing Deed or manumition or Instrument of writing was acknowledged before me the subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Kent County by the within named Thomas Browning to be his act and Deed who desired that the same might be recorded as his act and deed. —

acknowledged before James McLachlan

Recorded in Lib. I S for Bonds &c. in folio 346.

Jno D. Dulany Clk K. Coty

The said Deed was acknowledged by the said Thomas Browning, on the day of the Execution thereof before James McLachlan Esq. then one of the Justices of the Peace for Kent County of which the said Thomas Browning was a resident, and recorded among the Records of Kent County Court by the Clerk of the said County, within six months after the date of the

(same)

same: The Petitioner Priscilla Smothers, and the negro Pris in the said Deed named are one, and the same Person, the Petitioner was under the age of fifty years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelyhood & maintainance on the first day of January Anno Domini 1774, at which time her freedom was to commence according to the said Deed of Manumission. The Petitioner has been at liberty from the 1st January 1774 to the 1st of October 1784 since which time she has been in the Possession of the said Elijah Mafsy assn of Thomas Browning against whom she is now petitioning for Freedom. —

Wm Tilghman for Petitioner

Sam Earle &
Boro Lethbury } for Deft

The Court having heard the allegations and proofs of the Parties afs: by their Council in the Law it is therefore considered by the said Court that the said Petition be dismissed and that the said negro Priscilla Smothers the Petitioner is a Slave and that she be remanded to the Possession of the said Elijah Mafsey whereupon the Council for the Petitioner prayed an appeal which appeal is granted by the Court afs: In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the Proceedings in the action aforesaid, I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Public Seal of the County afs: this eighth day of April 1786. (Seal) Benjamin Chambers Clk K. Coty

Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon, was continued until the second Tuesday of September next following. —

At which said second Tuesday of September, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, came again the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties, and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here, thereon, was further continued, until the second Tuesday of April next following —

And now here at this day to wit, the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, come here the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid: whereupon all and singular

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