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 then 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 continued until the second Tuesday of April next following.—

And now here at this day, towit, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, comes as well the aforesaid Negro Rachel by her Attorney aforesaid, as the said Thomas and Zachariah Roberts by their Attorney aforesaid: whereupon all and singular the Premises aforesaid and the allegations and Evidences as well on the part and behalf of the said Negro Rachel, as also on the part and behalf of the said Thomas and Zachariah Roberts being by the Court here seen, heard, fully understood and mature deliberation thereon had; It is considered by the Judges here that the Petitioner is intitled to her Freedom and that therefore she be free liberated and discharged from the Custody and Possession of the said Thomas and Zachariah Roberts her Master:—

James Earle Clk.

Mary Funker, alias Mary Fiddeman

against

Thomas Roberts and Zachariah Roberts

Memorandum, the Defendants in this cause by Gustavus Scott their Attorney sued out the State of Maryland's writ of Certiorari, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit:

The State of Maryland To the Justices of Queen Anns County Court, Greeting

Whereas Mary Funker, alias Fiddeman hath preferred a Petition before you our said Justices Humbly shewing that she the said Mary Funker alias Fiddeman is unjustly and unlawfully detained as a slave by Thomas & Zachariah Roberts of Queen Anns County Planters and prayes that a Subpena might Issue to compel the attendance of the said Thomas and Zachariah Roberts to answer unto her the Petitioner of and upon the Premises and that the said Petitioner might be discharged from servitude &c which said Petition is still depending before you our said Justices in our said Court as it is said, and we being desirous for certain Reasons that the Record of the said Petition with all proceedings thereon had should by you be certified to us: We command you to send under your seals the Record of the Petition aforesd and all the Proceedings thereon with all things touching the same to the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of September next plainly and distinctly in as full and ample manner as it now remains before you together with this writ.— so that we may be able thereon to proceed and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done.— Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court this 20. day of April Anno Domini 1784.

Issued the 19. day of June 1784. James Earle Clk.

At which said day, towit, the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty four, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ the Justices and Clerk of Queen Anns County in compliance with the writ aforesaid make return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, towit: Maryland to wit, At a County Court held for Queen Anns County at Chester Mill in said County the fourth Tuesday in March being the twenty third day of the same month

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