

State of Maryland, Harford County Court;

At a County Court of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Maryland begun and held for Harford County at the Court house in the same County on the second Monday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;

Present;

The honourable } Joseph Hopper Nicholson, Chief Judge,  
Theodore Bland, Associate Judge

Benjamin Guyton Esquire Sheriff

Henry Doorey Esq.

In the record of proceedings of said Court amongst others were the following to wit;

Negro Tom } Both remembered that heretofore to wit on the sixteenth  
or } day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
George Anderson } eight hundred and fourteen, Negro Tom by Walter

Doorey his attorney filed in Court here the following petition to wit; To the Honourable the Judges of Harford County Court in Court sitting; The Petition of Negro Tom sheweth that he has been Imported into the State of Maryland from the State of New York by a certain Abraham Cole as a Slave contrary to the laws of the State of Maryland by which he became a free man and is now unjustly held in bondage by a certain George Anderson.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be liberated by the judgment of this Court; And that a summons may issue against the said George Anderson; ...

W. Doorey for Petr.

And the said George Anderson appears in Court here by Thomas Keel and Stevenson Archer his attorneys; And the said George Anderson is ordered by the Court here to enter into recognizance in the sum of eight hundred Dollars that he will permit the petitioner to attend Court and that he will not sell or remove him out of Harford County.

Thereupon the said George Anderson presents here in Court acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of eight hundred dollars current money to be levied of his body goods and chattels lands and Tenements to and for the use of the said State on condition that he doth not remove the said Negro Tom out of this State nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time in support of his petition for freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said George Anderson; ...

And the said George Anderson by his attorneys aforesaid defends the force and injury when done and prays leave of the Court here to imparte until the fourth Monday of August next and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Negro Tom then done. ...

At which said fourth Monday of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen comes again into