offered in evidence to the Jury a certain paper in writing in the words & figures following, "On the records of Queen Ann's County among other things is the following, to wit, Queen Ann's County, to wit, Be it remembered that on tenth day of February anno Domini Eighteen hundred and one the following Deed was brought to be recorded to wit, State of Maryland SS. To all whom these presents shall come Greeting I Edward Strong of Queen Ann's County in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving do hereby declare free manumit and enfranchise the following negro to wit, negro, Edward Green hereby acknowledging the said negro discharged from all claim of service and right of property whatever from me my Heirs Executors & administrators. Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and one

Edward Strong (Seal)

Test Joseph Thompson,
Samuel S. Voorhees,

purporting to be a copy of a Deed of Manumission from a certain Edward Strong to a certain negro called Edward Green as also the several writings letters and figures underneath thereto

"On the back of the original Manumission was thus endorsed, to wit, Queen Ann's County SS. On the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and one of the Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid Edwd Strong party to the within instrument of writing who acknowledged the said instrument to be his act and Deed and the signature and seal thereto annexed to be respectively his — Witness my hand

Joseph Thompson

Maryland, Queen Ann's County, to wit

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from Liber S. W. No 5. folio 411.

one of the Recd Books for Queen Ann's County

Seal of Queen Ann's County Court

In Testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 1st day of July anno Domini 1842

Chas T. Wright Clk
Queen Ann's County Court

under the hand & seal of the Clerk of Queen Ann's County Court, the Defendant then offered evidence to the Court that the said Edward Green had formerly been the Slave of the said Edward Strong & by his counsel objected to the reading of the said paper to the Jury to shew that the said petitioner were entitled to their freedom without proving the execution of the said writing by the said Edward Strong by the testimony of the subscribing witnesses if living & also proving the acknowledgment to have been made before a Justice of the peace for Queen Ann's County & also proving that at the time of the execution of supposed Deed of Manumission the said negro Ned was of a healthy constitution & sound in mind & body capable by labour to procure to him sufficient food & raiment with other requisite necessaries of life & not exceeding forty five years of age & prayed the Court so to direct the Jury but the Court was of opinion that the said paper & writings were evidence to the said Jury without such testimony & thereupon the Defendant prayed the benefit of his exception &c.

Thos Dorsell (Seal)

And thereupon the said Philip Chresfield by his attorney aforesaid prays an appeal from the Judgment aforesaid so as aforesaid rendered to the Court of appeals of the State of Maryland to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, and the same is granted unto him; it is therefore ordered by the Court here, that the record and proceedings aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid, with