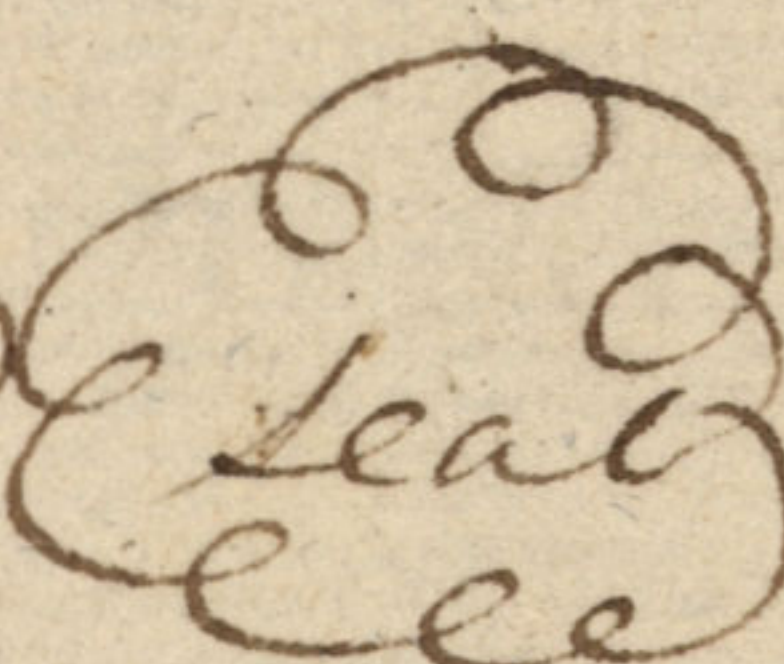


she was forry she had come away as she was free in Virginia  
and had a white Husband there - on his Cross examination  
the said Griffin was asked if he had heard the story of the kidnap-  
ping mentioned at any period since he came to Maryland or  
whether at any time since he had mentioned it - To which he  
answered he did not recollect to have mentioned it, but had heard  
it talked of - Said Griffin also proved that one Partus Sweat  
returned to Maryland with Captain Sweat and himself and that  
both Partus Sweat and Captain Sweat are dead -

The Petitioners then proved by John Denny that he had  
heretofore resided in the immediate neighbourhood of William Sweat  
(who is now dead) the brother of Captain Sweat and with whom  
Negro Suck then lived, that he heard a conversation between  
the said Suck and the mother of the Witness in which the said  
Suck stated herself to have been free in Virginia and to have  
been stolen from thence by Captain Sweat - The Counsel  
for the Petitioners then asked the said Denny if it was  
the reputation of the neighbourhood that the said Suck  
was a free woman to which the Defendant by his Counsel  
objected but the Court did permit the Witness to answer  
the questions and to testify that such was the reputation of  
the neighbourhood - To which the Defendant by his Counsel  
objected and that he might have the benefit of his Exception -  
prayed the Court to sign and seal this his bill of  
exception which is accordingly this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1816.

R. J. Carl   
Thos. Worell 