

they being the proper slaves of one Charles Barnicle were
Mammitted by the last will and Testament of the said Barnicle
and that they have been lately taken in possession and unjustly held
by one Abner Sparkes they therefore pray that they may
be discharged and otherwise redressed as to Your Honors may
seem right - Wm Barnickel for Petitioner

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here, that the writ
of the state of Maryland of Subpoena ipso to the Sheriff of
Queen Anns County against the said Abner Sparkes to answer
to the petition aforesaid of the said Negro Hannah and her chil
dren, which accordingly ipso in form following to wit -
The State of Maryland, To the
Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting You are
hereby Commaned to summon Abner Sparkes
late of Queen Anns County, that all excuses
and delays fit a slave, he be and appear before the Judges
of Queen Anns County Court now sitting at Centre Ville in said
County to answer the petition of a Negro Hannah and her
children preferred against him for Freedom - Hereof he
is to fail not, and fail not at your peril, and have
you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Richard
my Dilhman Esquire Chief Judge of the County Courts in
the second Judicial District of Maryland the fifth day
of May in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifteen
I send the tenth day of May 1816. Wm Murphy Clerk

And whereupon the Sheriff of Queen Anns County
aforesaid to wit Richard Moffett Gentleman to whom
the said foregoing writ of Subpoena was inform aforesaid
directed makes no return to the Court here of the