to summon Robert H. Johnson that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before the County Court of Worcester, at Snow Hill Town on the second Monday of May next to answer unto the Petition of Negro Lisk prefered against him for freedom. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you there and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable William B. Marten Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 18th day of November Anno Dominii 1817

Issued the 8th day of December anno Dominii 1817 Order. John C. Handy Clk.

And now hereafter and, to wit. the said second Monday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen comes into the County Court here the said Negro Lisk by Ara Spencer her Attorney and the Sheriff of Worcester County to whom the said aforesaid Writ of the State of Maryland of Habeas Corpus and Summons were in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here that he hath the said Negro Lisk here at this day as by the said Writ of Habeas Corpus he was commanded and that he had summoned the said Robert H. Johnson to be and appear here at this day to answer the said Petition as by the said Writ he was commanded.

And the said Robert H. Johnson appears here in Court by Ephraim K. Wilson Josiah Bayly and William Tingle his Attorneys.

Thereupon further Proceedings 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 is further continued until the second Monday of November next.

At which said second Monday of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Eighteen comes again into the County Court here as well the said Negro Lisk as the said Robert H. Johnson by their Attorneys aforesaid.

Whereupon by Order of Court the said Robert H. Johnson and a Certain John Allen present here in Court acknowledge themselves to owe and stand Justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the Sum of Eight ~~Dollars~~ hundred Dollars each to be levied of their Bodies Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements to and for the use of the said State in Case that the said Robert H. Johnson does remove Negro Lisk out of this State or detrect her from attending this Court from Time to Time in Support of her Petition for Freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said Robert H. Johnson and in the mean Time if he does not find Cloaths and use her well.

and the said Robert H. Johnson by his said Attorneys saith that the said Negro Lisk is not entitled to her Freedom nor held in Slavery Contrary to Law as the said Negro Lisk by her said Petition above hath alleged and of this he puts himself upon the Country and the said Negro Lisk in like manner

saith