

of Negro Presly to the honourable Court
of Frederick County Your petitioner hum-
bly shews to your honourable Court,
that he is entitl'd to be free and at large
but is unjustly held in slavery by a
certain Otto Sprigg administrator of
Thomas Sprigg late of Frederick County
deceased The ground on which your pe-
titioner claims his freedom is that he
has been brought into the State of Mary-
land contrary to the act of assembly
in such case made and provided and
against the laws and statutes of said
State wherefore your petitioner prays
your honours to consider his petition
and claim and discharge him from said
Sprigg and he prays your honours to allow
him the process of your Court to compel
the appearance of said Otto Sprigg to
answer those allegations and grant him
your writ of subpana to compel the