Whereupon accordingly Order of Publication is issued as follows. To wit.

Aramanta & Lelly Chew and others by John Davis their next friend. } In Chancery Sept. 11. 1816.

The object of the petition is to obtain a Decree for recording a Deed of Manumission executed by Richard Darnall on the 10th day of May Eighteen hundred and five for manumitting and setting free the Complainants. It is thereupon adjudged and ordered that the Complainants by causing a Copy of this Order to be inserted three successive Weeks in the Maryland Republican before the Eleventh day of October next give Notice of this application & of the substance and object thereof that any person who may be interested may appear in this Court in person or by a solicitor of this Court before the 10th day of February next to shew Cause if any they have wherefore a Decree should not be passed as prayed.

W Kilty. Chr.

And afterwards the Defendants come here into Court and file their objections as follows.

To the Honorable William Kilty Chancellor of Maryland. The petition of Henry Holland respectfully sheweth that having had Notice of the filing of a petition in Chancery by Aramanta Chew and Others by their next friend John Davis the object of which is to obtain a Decree for the recording of a paper purporting to be a Deed of Manumission executed on the 10th day of May in the year 1805 by a certain Richard Darnall to the petitioners and being in possession of several of the persons named in the said paper to Wit Ralph and Henry which descended to your petitioner in right of his Wife he is opposed to prayer of said petition and prays that the same may not be recorded. 1st He alleages that the said Richard Darnall never intended that this ame should be recorded as is evidenced by his retaining the possession of the paper and not suffering the same to be placed upon record.

2d Because no power is given to the Chancellor to order such Deeds to be recorded. The act of Assembly upon the subject does not contemplate Deeds of Manumission.

3d Because the petitioners are held in slavery and considered by the Laws of the Land to be slaves. Anowhile such no Bill or petition can be entertained by Chancery at their instance or for their benefit. For these among other reasons the petitioner prays that the above petition may be dismissed.

H Magruder.

On the petition of Aramanta Chew & others by John Davis their next friend. } In Chancery. John Wicks and Henry Darnall who hold several of the petitioners in slavery pray that the said petition may be dismissed. 1st Because the Law of the Land does not authorize slaves either in person or by their next friend to institute any proceedings