Charles County to wit, At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at Charles Town in and for Charles county aforesaid on the third Monday in August being the 20th day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten, and of the independence of the United States of America the thirty fifth —

Were Present

John Machall Gantt Esquire chief Judge

Edmund Key & } Esquires associate Judges
Daniel Clarke }

Alexander Johnson Esquire Sheriff — John Barnes &c

In the Record of the proceedings of the same Court among others is the following, to wit —

Mary Queen & her Children } Be it Remembered that on the 1st day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight, the said Mary Queen and her children

vs

Revd. Charles Neale } by Gerard N. Causin Esquire their attorney exhibited to the Judges of the Court here their Petition for freedom against the said Reverend Charles Neale in the words following, to wit, "To the Honorable the Judges of Charles County Court, The Petition of Mary Queen a person of colour humbly sheweth unto your Honours, that she your Petitioner and her two children Charles and Elizabeth are entitled to their freedom being descended through the Female line from a white woman that she your petitioner, and her children, are unjustly held in slavery by one Charles Neale of Charles County agent for the Corporation of the Roman Catholic Clergymen in the State of Maryland, from which illegal and oppressive Bondage she humbly prays that she and her children may be discharged by the Judgment of your Honours, and that summons may issue against the said Charles Neale commanding him to appear in this Honorable Court and answer the premises, and your petitioner &c — Gerard N. Causin for Petr."

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the said Reverend Charles Neale do not remove the aforesaid Mary Queen and her children out of this county nor obstruct them from attending this Court from time to time in support of their petition for Freedom against him the said Reverend Charles Neale and in the mean time to feed Clothe and use the said Mary Queen and her children well. and at the prayer of the said Mary Queen and her children by their attorney aforesaid Summons is issued