Baltimore County, Sc.

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County held at the Court House in the City of Baltimore in and for the county aforesaid, on the second Monday of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and six, for the Trial of all Felonies and other Crimes, Offences and Misdemeanors Committed in the said County.

Present

Walter Dorsey Esquire Chief Justice

George G. Presbury } Esquire's
Job Smith } Associate Justices.

Thomas Bailey Esquire Sheriff

Wm. S. Summers Clk.

In the record of proceedings of the same Court amongst others were the following, to wit;

Robert Oakes
vs
Robert Steward

Petition for Freedom.

Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, Robert Oakes by Frederick Price and William J. Govane his attorneys Exhibited to the Court here, in Court sitting his Petition for Freedom against Robert Steward in the words letters and figures following, to wit:— To the Honorable Walter Dorsey Chief Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County and his Associates.

The Petition of Robert Oakes a negro Humbly sheweth, that he was heretofore the slave of a certain Robert Steward of Baltimore County aforesaid, but is now free and discharged from slavery by operation of Law, in consequence of his having been removed by said Steward from