from this State into the State of Virginia and thence imported into this State. Your Petitioner further states that he is Nevertheless kept in Slavery by said Stewart. — Your Petitioner therefore prays that Subpoena may issue against said Robert Stewart to compell him to answer the premises and abide the decision of your Honours —

and y.r Pet.r &c. &c.

F. Price & Wm. J. Govane. for Pet.r

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the said Robert Stewart do not remove the aforesaid Robert Oakes out of this State nor obstruct him from attending this Court from time to time in support of his Petition for Freedom preferred against him the said Robert Stewart, and in the mean time to feed, cloath, and use the said Petitioner well.

And at the Prayer of the aforesaid Robert Oakes by Frederick Price and William J. Govane his attorneys aforesaid, Summons is ordered by the Court here to issue to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid against the aforesaid Robert Stewart to answer the Petition aforesaid which accordingly issues in the words and figures and of the Tenor following, to wit: — Baltimore County, Sct. — To the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting, you are hereby commanded to summon Robert Stewart late of Baltimore County, that all excuses and delays set apart he be and appear immediately before our said Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County now sitting to answer a Petition preferred against him by Robert Oakes for Freedom — Hereof you are not to fail, fail not at your Peril, to have then and there this Writ, Witness Walter Dorsey Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the Eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and five —

Issued the 8.th day of July 1805.

(T. P.)
(W. J. G.)

Wm. S. Summers Clk.

And the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to whom the said aforegoing Writ was made and directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit: — "Summoned — Mo.s Bailey Shff." — and the aforesaid Robert Stewart by John Purviance his attorney comes and defends the complaint aforesaid when and where, the said Court shall take the same in consideration, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the Petitioner also. —

At which said next Court, to wit; the first Monday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and five, comes again here into our said Court, as well the aforesaid Robert Oakes by his attorneys aforesaid as the aforesaid Robert Stewart by his attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Robert Stewart by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the complaint aforesaid, when and where the Court here shall take the same into consideration, and prays further leave of the Court, to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Petitioner also. —

At which said next Court, to wit; the second Monday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six, comes again into Court here, as well the aforesaid Robert Oakes by his attorneys aforesaid, as the aforesaid Robert Stewart by his attorney aforesaid; And the aforesaid Robert Stewart by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the complaint aforesaid, when and where the Court shall take the same into consideration and prays further leave of the Court here, to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the Petitioner also —

At which said next Court, to wit; the second Monday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and six, come again here into Court, as well the aforesaid Robert Oakes by his attorneys aforesaid as