states that she is entitled to be free and is
unjustly held in slavery by a certain Otho
Spigg of Frederick County administrator
of Thomas Spigg deceased of said County.
The ground on which your petitioner
claims to be free is that she has been
brought into the State of Maryland con
trary 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 her case and to set her free from
her slavery and your petitioner prays your
honours to allow her the process of your
Court to compel the appearance of Otho
Spigg aforesaid to answer to the matters
here alledged and that you will grant her
your writ of Subpoena to compel the atten
dance of witnesses to testify for her and
to do what else in the premises may seem
meet to your honours and she will ever
pray &c &c. Otho Lawrence Attyf. for Petitioner

And thereupon the said Negro Mary by her
Attorney aforesaid sued out of Frederick
County Court here a writ of Subpoena in the
following words, to wit, Frederick County
to wit, The State of Maryland To the
Sheriff of Frederick County greeting you are
hereby commanded to summon Otho
Spigg that all excuses and delays set aside
he be and appear before the Judges of the next
County Court to be held at the Court house in
Frederick Town in and for the County aforesaid
on the first monday in February next to answer
the petition of Negro Mary in the said Court
against him exhibited for her freedom hereof
he is not to fail and fail you not and have
you then and there this writ Witness John
Buchanan Esquire chief Judge of the said
Court the 5th day of August 1811 Issued the
10th day of August 1811. Wm Hetchie Clerk
At which said first monday in February in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twelve being the day of the return of the
aforegoing Writ comes into Court here the said