of Negro Presly to the honourable Court
of Frederick County Your petitioner humi
bly shews to your honourable Court
that he is entitled to be free and at large
but is unjustly held in slavery by a
certain Otho Spigg administrator of
Thomas Spigg late of Frederick County
deceased The ground on which your pe
titioner claims his freedom is that he
has been brought into the State of Mary
land contrary 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 his petition
and claim and discharge him from said
Spigg and he prays your honours to allow
him the process of your Court to compel
the appearance of said Otho Spigg to
answer those allegations and grant him
your writ of subpoena to compel the
attendance of witnesses to testify for
him and he will ever pray your ho
nours to do what else may deem meet
in the premises. Otho Lawrence Atty. for Pet.

And thereupon the said Negro Presly by
his 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 of February next to answer
the petition of Negro Presly in the said
Court against him exhibited for his
freedom hereof he is not to fail and fail
not and have you then and there
this writ Witness John Buchanan