aforesaid he hath alledged and this he
prays may be enquired of by the Country
and said Otho in like manner whereupon
for trying the Issue aforesaid let a Jury ap-
pear before the Court here immediately by
whom &c. who neither &c. to recognize &c.
because as well &c. who being called come
that is to say, John Ritchie, John Ramsburg
Peter Fout, William R. Sanderson, Valentine
Brunner, Henry Healer, Richard Howard
Jacob Keller, Abraham Toms, Jacob
Firestone, John L. Harding and Jacob
Eckman, who being elected impannelled
and sworn to say the truth in the premises
between the parties aforesaid within joined
upon their oath do say that the said Negro
Presly is free in manner and form as by
his petition aforesaid he hath alledged
Therefore it is considered by the Court
here that the said Negro Presly the petitioner
aforesaid recover his freedom of and against
the said Otho Spriggs and that he be free
and discharged of and from the service

of the said Otho Spriggs and that he the
said Negro Presly go thereof freed and dis-
charged without day &c. It is also considere
ed by the Court here that the said Negro
Presly recover against the said Otho Spriggs
the sum of one dollar and sixty cents, four hundred & sixty four pounds Tobacco
by the Court here into the said Negro Presly
adjudged on his absent for his costs and charges
by him about the prosecution of his petition
aforesaid laid out and expended and that
he have thereof his execution and so forth
Judgment rendered in this case on the
14th August 1813. Test. William Ritchie Clerk.

Memorandum that before the Jurors aforesaid
withdrew from the bar of the Court here the
said Otho Spriggs by his Attorney aforesaid
filed in Court here the following Bills of
Exceptions to wit, Negro Presly vs Otho
Spriggs. Petition for freedom in Frederick
County Court August Term 1813: At the
trial of this cause the petitioner to support
the Issue on his part offered in evidence
to the Jury that he was the child of a mulat
to Easter who was the slave of Thomas