

In the Records and Proceedings of the General Court holden for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland it is amongst other things enrolled as follows  
The State of Maryland Es. At a General Court for the Eastern Shore of the said State begun and held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of September being the eighth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, before the Judges of the same Court duly commissioned and assigned by the said State of whom were present -

The Honorable { Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge  
Alexander Cortee Hanson and Esquires Judges  
Robert Goldsborough  
John Roberts Gent Sheriff of Talbot County. James Earle. Clerk

Rt. Negro Adam  
against  
A. Andrew Foster, Levinton

Be it remembered that Negro Adam to the Court here presents the following Petition to wit,  
To the Honble the Judges of the General Court of the State of Maryland for the Eastern Shore of said State now sitting

The Petition of Negro Adam most humbly sheweth that he is illegally detained in Slavery by a certain Andrew Foster Levinton of Queen Anns County planter. He therefore prays your Honors to direct a Subpoena out of your said Court to command said Andrew Foster Levinton to appear immediately and answer to the above complaint, and that your Honors will take the Premises into your humane Consideration and give your Petitioner an early hearing in the premises, and do therein what may be consistent with Law and Justice and as in Duty bound he.

Robert Wright pro Plaintiff Adam

Which Petition being read and heard granted, It is by the said Court ordered that Summons issue against the said Andrew Foster Levinton for his immediate appearance to answer the Complaint of the aforesaid Petitioner which said Summons being issued and return being made of the same by Jonathan