

The State of Maryland, to wit.

At a General Court for the Western Shore of the said State begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the same month in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six; And in the Twenty first Year of the Independence of the said State,

Present.

The Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge
Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquires Puisne Judges.
and Gabriel Duwall Esquires Puisne Judges.
Richard Harwood Esquire Sheriff. John Gwinn Clerk.

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court, among others is the following, to wit.

P.B.H. Richard Higgins
Igs. Nathaniel Allen
Be it Remembered that on the second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five the Worshipfull Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Ann Arundel County Court transmitted to the Honorable the Judges of our General Court here, the following Record and proceedings on Appeal before them made, to wit.

Ann Arundel County, Jct. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the third Monday of September being the day of the same month in the Year 1794.

Were Present.

The Worshipfull Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice
Samuel Ridout Associate Justice
William Goldsmith Gent. Sheriff. Nick Harwood. C.

In the Record and proceedings of the same Court, is the following, to wit.

Igs. Nathaniel Allen
vs.
Petition.

P.B.H. G.D. Richard Higgins
To the Honourable the Judges of Ann Arundel County Court.

The Petition of Nathaniel Allen, humbly sheweth That your petitioner is unjustly held in slavery, by a certain Richard Higgins of Ann Arundel County planter when he is intitled to his freedom being descended from a free Woman.

Your Petitioner therefore prays your honours to take his case into consideration and direct a Summons to issue for the said Richard Higgins to shew cause why he should not be discharged from the service of the said Higgins and your Petitioner will pray

Thos. Jennings for Pet.

which being read and heard and mature Deliberation thereupon had it was Ordered that Summons issue against the said Richard Higgins which issued in the words following, to wit.

Ann Arundel County, to wit. The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County greeting. We command you that you Summon Richard Higgins that all Excuses set a part he be and appear before the Justices of our County Court to be held at the