City of Annapolis on the third Monday of April next to answer unto Nathaniel Allen on a Petition for Freedom, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the 20th day of September Anno Domini 1793.

Nich. Harwood Cl.

Issued the 22d day of January 1794.

At which said third Monday in April seventeen hundred and ninety four being the day of the return of the said Summon comes the said Nathaniel Allen by his Attorney aforesaid. And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the same was directed comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here thus endorsed. "Summoned, William Goldsmith Sheriff."

And the said Richard Higgins by Philip Barton Key and Gabriel Duvall his Attornies comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth And prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court, and he hath it: and the same day is given to the petitioner also And the said petitioner by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Depositions, to wit.

The Deposition of Jane Allen Aged forty Years or thereabouts being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and Saith, that she is Mother to the petitioner Nathaniel Allen whom she had by a Negro Man that She is the Daughter of Hannah Allen a Mulatto and that she always understood and heard from general Report that her said Mother was the Daughter of a White Scotch Woman named Hannah Allen and that the said Hannah Allen had the Deponents Mother by a Negro. Sworn before me this 18th Septr 1794.

James Mackubin.

The Deposition of Hannah Allen Aged Sixty Years or thereabouts being Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and Saith that her Mother was as she always understood from general Report and believes a White Woman born in Scotland named Hannah Allen that she never heard this Report contradicted but that her Mother died before She can remember and that her said Mother as she always understood from general Report and believes had the Deponent by a Negro Man and that She (the Deponent) was adjudged to serve for Thirty one Years as a Mulatto, this Deponent further saith she had a Child by a Negro Man which Child is now living and named Jane Allen who is the Mother of the petitioner by a Negro Man. Sworn before me this 18th Septr 1794. James Mackubin.

The Deposition of Nace Allen Aged forty two Years or thereabouts being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and Saith that he is the Son of Hannah Allen the Mother of the petitioner and that he always understood and heard from general Report that his said Mother was the Daughter of a White Scotch Woman named Hannah Allen and that the said Hannah Allen had the Deponents Mother by a Negro and further saith his Sister Jane Allen had the petitioner by a Negro Man

Sworn before James Mackubin

And the said Defendant by his Attorneys aforesaid filed in Court here the following, to wit.

Lord Proprietary ag.t Jane Allen.

Prince Georges County Court August Term 1772.
Molatto Basterdy Convict & Submission
Prince Georges County, Sct. Memorandum that on this

day to wit, the fourth Tuesday in August seventeen hundred and seventy two Jane Allen Servant to Richard Higgins in her proper person in Court here comes and says that she is Guilty of Molatto Basterdy, Whereupon the premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood It is considered by the same Court that the Jane Allen for her offence aforesaid be a Servant for and during the Term of Seven Years after the Expiration of her present Servitude and that she serve her present Master Nine Months for the Trouble of his House. It is also considered by the same Court that the Bastard Child as aforesaid named Natt five months old be a Servant untill he Arrive to the Age of Thirty one Years and that he be immediately set up to public Sale for the benefit of the County agreable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly in such Cases made and provided. Thereupon Richard Higgins in his proper person in Court here being the highest bidder he therefore is sold to the said Richard Higgins for One hundred and ten pounds of Tobacco and the said Jane Allen is Dismissed &c.

True Copy from Liber C C No. 1 folio 186 one of the Judgment Records of Prince Georges County.

John R Magruder Junr. Clk.

At which said next Court, to wit, the third Monday in September seventeen hundred and ninety four come again as well the said Nathaniel Allen by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Higgins by his Attorneys aforesaid Whereupon all and singular the premises aforesaid and the Allegations and proofs as well on the part of the aforesaid Nathaniel Allen as the aforesaid Richard Higgins being by the Court here seen heard fully understood and mature Deliberation thereupon had It is adjudged by the Court here that the said Nathaniel Allen of and from any future Servitude to the aforesaid Richard Higgins be hence discharged and freed. And it is also adjudged that the said Nathaniel Allen recover against the said Richard Higgins the sum of Three hundred and sixty one pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his Absent adjudged for his Costs and charges by him laid out and expended by occation of the premises and so forth.

And thereupon the said Richard Higgins by his Attornies aforesaid prays an Appeal from the Judgment aforesaid so as aforesaid rendered to the General Court of the Western Shore of the State of Maryland which is granted and the Record of proceedings ordered to be transmitted accordingly

(Seal of Ann Arund County.)

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed the Seal of Office this 2nd day of May Anno Domini 1795.

Nich Harwood. Cl.

At which day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five comes here into our General Court as well the said Richard Higgins by Philip Barton Key and Gabriel Duvall his Attornies as the aforesaid Nathaniel Allen by Thomas Jennings his Attorney, But because the Court here are not advised to give their Judgment of and upon the premisses day therefore is given to the parties aforesaid before the Judges of our General Court here until the second Tuesday of October next, to hear their Judgment of and upon the premisses, because the Court now here thereof not apt &c.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five comes again here into our General Court as well the