

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 Ninth day of the same Month Anno
Domini seventeen hundred and Ninety^{two} and in the seventeenth
year of the Independence of America -

Present

The Honourable } Samuel Chase Esquire, Chief Judge
} Robert Goldsborough & Esquires Judges
} Jeremiah Tonnley Chase
William Goldsmith Esquire Sheriff. John Green &

In the record of Proceedings of the same
Court among others is the following, to wit

Sprigg, H. R. Richard Booth
against
G. D. - David Weems

Be it Remembered that
heretofore, to wit, on the second
Tuesday of May being the twelfth
day of the same Month Anno

Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine Richard Booth by Jeremiah
Tonnley Chase his Attorney filed in our General Court the following
Petition for Freedom, to wit: -

To the Honourable the General
Court of Maryland: The humble Petition of Richard Booth of
Ann Arundel County sheweth, -

That your Petitioner is descended
from a free Woman and is unjustly deprived of his Liberty by David
Weems of said County who holds and Claims your Petitioner as
a Slave - Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that your Honours
will take his case into Consideration and direct a Subpoena to Issue
for the said David Weems to answer your Petitioner's Complaint return-
able to this Court; and that the following Persons may be summoned
as Witnesses for your Petitioner, to wit: Edward Brown in Montgomery
County Joseph Mumford Calvert County, Sarah Chew and Mary Joys
of Ann Arundel County, and Henry Wilson Senior of Baltimore
County
J. Jay Chase for Pet