Maryland Anne arundel County to wit

At a Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for Anne Arundel County aforesaid on the third Monday of April being the Seventeenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five and in the Seventy Ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America

Present

The Honorable Nicholas Brewer Judge
Thomas Ireland Esquire Sheriff
Nicholas H Green Clerk

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

Negroes Cressy Rilly Geage Susan Rhody and Wesley against Thomas Tongue	Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five Negroes Cressy Rilly Geage Susan Rhody and Wesley

by Henry H Murray their Attorney Exhibited to the Court here their Petition in writing against Thomas Tongue in the words and of the tenor following to wit

To the Honorable Nicholas Brewer Judge of the Circuit Court of Anne arundel County

The Petition of Cressy Rilly Geage Susan Rhody and Wesley free persons of Color of said County respectfully shows unto your Honor. that they are unjustly detained in Slavery by a certain Thomas Tongue of said County who under some pretext claims title to them as Slaves. Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honor that a Summons may be issued from this Court to the said Tongue Commanding him to answer this Petition, and that your Petitioners may be discharged from Slavery, and as in duty bound &c.

H H Murray for Petitioners

And at the prayer of the said Negroes Cressy Rilly Geage Susan Rhody and Wesley by Henry H Murray their Attorney Summons is ordered by the Court here to issue to the Sheriff of Anne arundel County