which is done this 9th day of May 1855

Nich Brewer Circuit Judge (Seal)

Negroes Crissy Kelly George Grace Hannah Rhody and Westley
vs
Thomas Tongue

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

April Term 1855

Petition for freedom

After the evidence offered in the preceding exception which by consent is made a part of this exception the Defendant offered the following Prayer" The Defendant by his Counsel prays the Court to instruct the Jury that if they shall find from the evidence that the petitioners Rhody and Crissy were at the death of said John Collerson unable to work and given a sufficient Maintenance and livelihood then they must find their verdict for the defendant"

but the Court refused to grant the prayer and the defendant excepted and prays the Court to sign this his bill of exceptions which is done this 9th day of May 1855

Nich Brewer (Seal)

And on the Same day to wit the 9th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five the said Thomas Tongue by his Attorney aforesaid prays an appeal from the judgment aforesaid so as aforesaid rendered to the Court of Appeals of Maryland to be held at the City of Annapolis on the first Monday of June next and to him is granted Whereupon the said Thomas Tongue by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here a certain writing obligatory commonly called an appeal bond and which is contained in the following words to wit

Know all Men by these presents that we Thomas Tongue and Benjamin H Tongue in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of five thousand dollars Current money to be paid to the said State or its Certain Attorney or assigns. to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five Whereas upon a Petition for freedom by Negroes Crissy Rhody and others their Children

against said Thomas Tongue they by the judgment of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County were adjudged to be free. And Whereas also the said Thos I Tongue is about to appeal from the judgment aforesaid to the next Court of Appeals of Maryland Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Thos I Tongue shall not Cause a transcript of the Record and Proceedings of the said judgment to be transmitted to the Court of Appeals to be holden for the Western Shore within the time required by law and prosecute the same appeal with effect, and also satisfy and pay unto the said State or its attorney or assigns in Case the said appeal shall be affirmed all and singular the damages and costs adjudged by the said Court aforesaid, as also all costs and damages that shall be awarded by the said Court of Appeals then this bond to be and remain in full force and virtue otherwise of no effect

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Thos I Tongue (Seal)
Benj H Tongue (Seal)

Approved 9th May 1855 N H Green Clerk

which being read and the Surety in the said bond being approved of It is therefore ordered by the said Court here that the record and proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating be transmitted to the said Court of Appeals, and the same are transmitted to the said Court accordingly

Test N H Green Clerk

Maryland Ss

I hereby certify that the aforegoing transcript is truely taken from the record of Proceedings of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

In Testimony Whereof I hereto set my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

N H Green Clerk Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County