To the Honorable the Judges of the County Court of Prince George's County in the State of Maryland.

The Petition of Negro Kate on behalf of herself and of negroes Harry, George, Hesse, ~~Kate~~ and Jim, respectfully sheweth unto your honors, That they have long exercised the rights of freedom to which they justly & rightly have & ought to continue to enjoy unmolested, But your petitioners are informed & verily believe that Robert McGill Executor of Benjamin Gaither deceased, is about to claim your petitioners, as part of the estate of the said Gaither. Your petitioners further state, that some of them have been brought up from Infancy at great trouble & expence by their parents & the owner of their parents, & now in derogation of their rights to freedom & just as they are becoming useful, they are thus about to be used as slaves. Your petitioners therefore pray that this honorable Court would [illegible] Summons to to the said Robt. McGill Exrs as afsd. & his confederates when discovered, for the purpose of ~~their~~ having their claims established & their just rights fully & legally ascertained, & give such further & other relief in the premises as to your honors may seem meet.

Harry
George
Hesse
Kate &
Jim.

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