of November in the year Eighteen hundred and forty five personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Baltimore City Judson A Clagett a free white citizen of the U States, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he knows the petitioner and that in his opinion she is entitled to her freedom. Sworn before J. S. Wilson."

Which being read and heard, and mature deliberation being thereupon had, it is ruled and ordered by the Court, that subpoena issue agreeably to the prayer of the said petition against Hope H Slatter returnable immediately, which was accordingly issued in the words and figures following, to wit:

"Baltimore City Court Oct. Term 1845.

Summon Hope H Slatter, to answer the petition of Lucy Crawford returnable immediately.

To the Sheriff of Baltimore County"

"Wm H Patchell Clk pro."

And the Sheriff of Baltimore County to wit, Nicholas Lucy, to whom the said Subpoena was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof, to the Court here thereon, to wit,

"Sd"

Whereupon said Hope H Slatter appears & enters into a recognizance, in the sum of four hundred dollars &c.

And the said Hope H Slatter voluntarily appears in Court here by Thomas Yates Walsh Esquire his attorney and defends the force and injury, when and so forth.

And the said Hope H Slatter by his said Attorney says, that the said Negro Lucy Crawford, is not a free woman, as she by her said petition above hath alleged, and of this he puts himself upon the Country.

And the said Lucy Crawford by her said attorney says, that she is free, as by her said petition she hath alleged, and this the said Lucy Crawford prays may be inquired of by the Country and the said Lucy Crawford by her said Attorney doth the like &c.

Whereupon for trying the issue aforesaid above joined between the parties aforesaid, it was ordered at the May term of said Court, to wit, on the twenty seventh day of June in the year Eighteen Hundred and forty six, that twenty persons from the panne of Petit Jurors returned to the Court here by the Sheriff of Baltimore City . . . . . be drawn by ballot according to the provisions of the act of Assembly made and provided, in such cases.

And thereupon the twenty persons be so drawn by ballot and written upon five lists, one of which said lists is delivered to the counsel for the respective parties, and the counsel for each of the said parties having stricken out four persons from the said lists, thereupon the remaining twelve persons being called, come, that is to say.

"James Devereux
Richard Edwards
Columbus Walters
Charles Lebon
John S Stiles
Joshua Minchcomb
John L Barbour
Walter Perdue
Hugh Kennedy
Richard Kenney
Herman G Owen and
Herman Mennenier

who being impannelled, to say the truth in the premises and so forth.

And thereupon the said Lucy Crawford by her counsel aforesaid, offers to the said Court here, the following prayers, to wit.

"The petitioner by her counsel prays the Court to give the following instructions to the Jury.

If the Jury believe from the evidence in the cause, that in May 1844 the petitioner had her owner's consent to come into the State of Maryland to make up the price she was to pay for her freedom which was agreed to be 150$, and that she actually became a resident of the District of Columbia under that permission, and continued to be such resident until November 1845, and when said agreement paid her owner $159 = that then she could not be imported into this State, & if they find that she was so imported and a slave & for sale, she is entitled to her freedom.