Liber R. to be procured) on their part. Dated the nineth Day of May 1682:

Signed p ord*

To the honble Coll W^m Stevens of Somersett County
These.

John Llewellin Clke Consil

Came Edward English negro and exhibited this his foll petition viz.

To the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} and his hon^{ble} Councill now sitting at the City of S^t Maries.

The humble Petition of Edward Inglish formerly being a

Servant to Coll Nathaniel Vty decd.

Mr Henry Johnson after the decease of Coll Nathaniel Vtv did marry with the widow of the sd Uty, and haveing the Estate of the sd Uty in his possession at disposeing, your poore Petitioner being still a Servant to the Estate of Coll Uty and under servitude to Henry Johnson; the said Johnson did voluntarily give your Petitioner from under his hand in writeing in the presence of Jacob Claus de Young and Jacob Jeniser on the Tenth of Aprill 1677: which sd writing was shewed to Coll George Wells and he did read it severall tymes which did specifye the tyme which was five yeares from the tenth day of Aprill 1677: to the tenth Day of Aprill 1682: which your Petitioner hath fully Compleated, and duely served to the Tenor of his writeing weh he gave me freely in token of his love he bore me, for which your poore Petitioner being borne and baptized in your Province in the feare of God and doe learne to read the Gospell hopeth your honor will be pleased to consider your poore Petitioner and that he may have his freedome according to his Masters will and

Your poore Petitioner will pray for your Honor

By the Lord Prop^{ry} & Councill.

May 9th 1682:

Ordered that the Commission's of Baltemore County Court, in Court sitting take the petition into their Consideration, and doe therein as to Justice appertaineth with due regard had to the Orphan to whom the Pet (as this Board is informed) of right belongeth.

Signed p ord

John Llewellin Clk Consil.

p. 319 Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ry} of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c^a To our trusty and well beloved Coll Henry Coursey and Coll Philemon