




she was free she had come away as she was free in Virginia  
and had a white husband there - on his cross examination  
he said Griffin was asked if he had heard the story of the kidnap-  
ing mentioned at any period since he came to Maryland or  
whether at any time since he had mentioned it - to which he  
answered he did not recollect to have mentioned it, but had heard  
talked of - said Griffin also proved that one Partus Sweat  
turned to Maryland with Captain Sweat and himself and that  
the Partus Sweat and Captain Sweat are dead -


The Petitioners then proved by John Denny that he had  
retired in the immediate neighbourhood of William Sweat  
(who is now dead) the brother of Captain Sweat and with whom  
Negro Sucks then lived, that he heard a conversation between  
the said Sucks and the mother of the witness in which the said  
Sucks stated herself to have been free in Virginia and to have  
been stolen from thence by Captain Sweat - The Counsel  
of the Petitioners then asked the said Denny if it was  
the reputation of the neighbourhood that the said Sucks  
was a free woman to which the Defendant by his Counsel  
objected but the Court did permit the witness to answer  
the questions and to testify that Sucks was the reputation of  
the neighbourhood - to which the Defendant by his Counsel  
objected and that he might have the benefit of his exception  
prayed the Court to sign and seal this his bill of  
exceptions which is accordingly this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1816.


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
Henry Amisby Mother of Petitioners &c

George Walls - 

In addition to the former matters  
and things stated in the above Bill of exceptions the petitioners  
proved by the above named Griffin and Denny the declarations  
of Captain Sweat as to the freedom of the above named  
Negro Sucks and the Defendant proved that Captain Sweat  
had sold her to John Gibbons deceased - They then proposed to  
prove by the declarations of the said John Gibbons that the said  
Sucks was a slave, but the Petitioners by their Counsel  
objected to the testimony and the Court would not permit  
it to be given to which opinion of the Court the  
Defendant excepted and prayed the Court to sign and seal this  
bill of exceptions, which is accordingly done this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 1816.

R. T. Earle 

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Chas. Wornell 

And thereupon the said George Walls by his Attorney  
aforesaid prays an appeal from the Defendant aforesaid so  
as aforesaid pending to the Court of Appeals to be holden for  
the Eastern Shore of this State, and it is granted him  
It is therefore ordered by the said Court here that the  
records and proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with  
all things thereunto relating be transmitted to the said Court  
of Appeals to be holden for the Eastern Shore of the