

provid'd when and where the Court will take the same
to consideration, and prays leave of the Court here further
imprais'd until the first Monday in August next and to
in it is granted, the same day is given to the said Margaret
Creech also. At which said first Monday in August in the
year of our Las one thousand seven hundred and Ninety nine
moner again into the Court here, as well the said Margaret
Creech by her Attorney aforesaid, as the said William Williams by
his Attorney aforesaid: And the said William Williams by his
Attorney aforesaid, as before defendes the complaint aforesaid
in and where the Court will take the same into consideration
prays leave of the Court here further to imprais'd until the
first Monday in November next, and to him it is granted
the same day is given to the said Margaret Creech also.
At which said third Monday in November in the year of
our Las one thousand seven hundred and Ninety nine.
moner again into the Court here, as well the said Margaret
Creech by her Attorney aforesaid as the said William Williams
by his Attorney aforesaid. And the said William Williams by
his Attorney aforesaid, as before defendes the complaint aforesaid
and saith that the said Margaret Creech ought not to
have or maintain her Petition against him, because he
saith that the said Margaret Creech on the day of proposing
the Petition in this cause was a Slave, and of this he is
ready to verify: Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said
Margaret Creech ought to have or maintain her Petition
against e so farth. And the said Margaret Creech by her
Attorney aforesaid saith that she by any thing by the said
William Williams above in Pleading alledged ought not
to be precluded from having and maintaining her Petition
aforesaid against him, because she saith that she on the
day of proposing the Petition in this cause was a free woman
of free Condition, and not a Slave as the said William
Williams above in his plead hath alledged: And of this she

puts

puts herself upon the Oath: And the said William Williams
in like manner and so farth. Whereupon is given to the
Sheriff of Baltimore County that he cause to come before
the Court here, twelve good and Lawfull Men of his Bailiwick
by whom e so farth, and who neither and so farth, to recognize
and so farth, because as well and so farth: Which said Sheriff
to wit Cornelius H. Esq. Gentleman. maketh return, that
he hath here twelve and so farth as he was commanded, which
Jury being called come and are as followes, James H. McCallagh,
Charles Davidson, Richard Lawson, William Duncan, John
Bridenbaugh, George Peypod, Walter Croth, Andrew Clappor
John Starte, John Miller, Jacob Miller and Barry, who being
duly elected, tried and sworn to say the truth in the premises
upon their Oath do say that the said Margaret Creech on the
day of proposing the Petition in this cause was a free woman
of free Condition as the Petitioner aforesaid in her said Petition to
the Court here proposed against the said William Williams within
hath alledged: And the said William Williams by his Attorney aforesaid
saith that the Court here ought not to proceed to give Judgment
in and upon the said Verdict, and prays that Judgment against
him in and upon the said Verdict by the Jury aforesaid in form
aforesaid given may be set aside. 1. Because the Jury, the Morning
after the Trial of this Cause when they were called on to deliver
in their Verdict, delivered the same by their Foreman (Vica Coce),
contrary to the express direction of the Court given to said Jury, at
their adjournment on the preceding evening that the said Jury
should after they had agreed on their Verdict and before they had
separated, seal up their said Verdict and deliver it so sealed
to the Court at their next Meeting on the following Morning. 2.
Because the said Jury after they had retired from the Bar, during
their deliberations and before they had agreed on their Verdict,
did eat and drink certain provisions, furnished and provided
for them, by and at the expence of the Petitioner or her husband