

(Afterwards (to wit) in the same Court Edward Dorsey (on behalf of sundry Negroes who are Legatees and Devisees and also Manumitted by the Will or pretended Will of the ass. John Gibb) appears and files their Petition praying to be made Parties in this Cause to the end that they may defend their Rights. Which Petition is ordered to be Received and made part of the Proceedings in this Cause and follows in these words (Viz^t)

To His Honourable Daniel Dulany Esq. Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills the humble Petition of Negro Richard. Negro Absalom. Negro Thomas. Negro Peter Negro Abraham Negro Isaac Negro William. Negro Jacob. Negro Elizabeth sen. Negro Elizabeth Jun. Negro Hannah. Negro Wealthy. Negro Ann. Negro Rebecca. Negro Alice. Negro Martha Negro Sarah. Negro Jane Negro Rachel of Queen Anns County

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That John Gibb late of Queen Anns County Gent. Deceased your Petitioners late Master sometime in the Year one Thousand seven hundred and forty seven made his last Will and Testament and thereby did Manumit and set free your Petitioners and did thereby give and devise to your Petitioners great part of his Real and Personal Estate and of his said last Will constituted and Appointed James Mafsey Jun. and John Hadley Jun. both of Queen Anns County Gent. his Executors who after the Death of the said John Gibb proved the said Will in Common form as also by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto and had Letters Testamentary granted to them in Virtue thereof and your Petitioners further shew that a certain Janet Cleland since the Death of the said John Gibb and the Letters Testamentary granted as afores. to the said James Mafsey and John Hadley hath filed her Libell in this honourable Court against the said James Mafsey and John Hadley the Executors in the said Will named in order to obtain a Decree of this honourable Court to Declare the said Will Null and Void to which said Libell the said James Mafsey and John Hadley appeared and put in their answer and the said Janet Cleland filed her Replacation and a Commission issued out of this honourable Court to examine Witnesses in the said Cause and in Virtue thereof the Depositions of several Persons were