

In the records and proceedings of Somerset County Court it is contained as follows vizt. Somerset Court. At a County Court held at Prince Anne Town in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid the second Monday in April being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seven by the Judges of the said County Court according to Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided

Present

Wm Polk Esquire Chief Judge

The Honorable James B. Robins Esquire Associate Judge

Daniel Ballard Sheriff

Wm Donobth

To the Honorable Justices of Somerset County Court the Petition of Negro B. D. William Anderson & Eli your Petitioner humbly sets forth that he is cruelly, maliciously, wickedly and contrary to Law held in Slavery by a certain William Anderson of Somerset County your Petitioner therefore begs leave to pray your Honor to take his case in consideration and proceed therein as your Honor see proper according to Law

Negro Eli

Whereupon command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should summons William Anderson if he should be found in his bailwick that at all excuses set apart he should be and appear before the justices of Somerset County now judicially sitting at Prince Anne Town at November Term 1805 to answer the aforesaid Petition and further that he should take the said Negro Eli into his custody so that he should be and appear before the said Court to prosecute the aforesaid Petition and now here afterwards at the same term came Robert Leatherbury Sheriff of Somerset County and made return of the said writ endorsed as follows

Robt Leatherbury Sheriff. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court aforesaid that the said William Anderson enter into a Recognizance in the sum of £150 as follows whereupon the said William Anderson appeared in open Court in his proper person and acknowledged himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of Maryland to be levied of his body, goods, chattels, Lands or tenements, on condition to be void provided the said William Anderson do not remove the

(Petitioner)