

2.nd Because the Verdict is against the weight of Testimony
3.rd Because the Verdict is without any evidence on the
part of the Petitioners to prove that Negro Suck
under whom the Petitioners claim was a free woman
in Virginia -

Whereupon all and singular
the premises aforesaid being by the Court here seen heard
and fully understood, and Mature deliberation thereon
had for that it seems to the Court here, that the said
Verdict for the reasons aforesaid yet for the ought not
to be set aside - Therefore it is considered by the Court
here that the said Army Armistey, Susan Armistey, Juliana
Armistey and Priscilla Armistey the Petitioners aforesaid recover
their freedom of and against the said George Walls and
that they be free and discharged of and from the service
of the said George Walls and that they the said Army Armistey
Susan Armistey, Juliana Armistey and Priscilla Armistey
go thereof free and discharged without day and forfeiture

It is also considered by the Court here that the said Army
Armistey, Susan Armistey, Juliana Armistey and Priscilla Armistey
recover against the said George Walls the sum of twenty four
Collars and fifty one Cents and two thirds of a Cent by the Court
here unto the said Army Armistey, Susan Armistey, Juliana
Armistey and Priscilla Armistey as judges on their behalf
for their Costs and Charges by them about their prosecution
of their Petitions aforesaid laid out and expended and
that they have thereof their Execution and satisfaction -

Test ^{My} M. Murphy C.R.

Memorandum. Before the Jurors aforesaid
withdrawn from the bar of the Court here, the

said George Walls by his said Attornies, tendered to the Court
here the following bills of Receipts and which were
by the Court here signed and sealed and which are inform
following to wit -



Henry Armistey and others, Petitioners for Freedom

George C. Walls -

At the Trial of this Cause
the Petitioners proved by
Gremberry Griffin that some time before the surrender of York
Town to the American Army he the said Griffin had gone to
James River with one Captain James Sweat, that he was after
wards transferred to the Baltimore Gally and after the
surrender of the British he again went on board Captain
Sweats Vessel and went in to York River - That about two
or three Weeks after the ^{said} surrender he left York Town
That about two weeks before he left York Town he had
been on shore at Gosport where he had seen Negro Suck the
Mother of Army one of the petitioners selling Cakes and beer
without controul and that he saw her repeatedly afterwards
selling cakes and beer at the shore of the River at York Town
until the day before Captain Sweat sailed when the said
Suck was brought on board Captain Sweats Vessel by five
or six men at about 9 o'clock at Night and purchased by
the said Sweat that another black woman was brought on
board Captain Sweats Vessel by the same persons who was
released and set on shore in consequence of her cries and
screams - that the said James Sweat has informed the said
Negro Suck that he would make her his wife that the
said Suck has said during her passage to Maryland that

she was sorry 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
for 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 14th 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 15th day of
May 1816.

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And thereupon the said George Walls by his Attorney
aforesaid prays an appeal from the Judgment aforesaid so
as aforesaid rendered 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