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Ye the Grand Jury do present Phillis (by Outten) a
free negro woman of the County of Accomack
& parish of St George for remaining now in the
^{more than 12 months} a free negro woman of the
County & parish aforesaid, contrary to Law having been
emancipated since 1806 upon the information of
W.D. Symour sworn in court. W.D. Symour (sworn)
March 29th 1824

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Accomack County—GREETING :
WE command you to summon *Phillis by Attorney*
a free negro
to appear before the Justices of our County Court of ACCOMACK, at the Court-House, on
the *1st* day of *May* ~~the~~ court next, to testify and
the truth to say in behalf of ~~them~~ *she* ~~and there to assist~~ *she*
an information should not be filed against
her upon the presentment of the Grand Jury
in a certain matter of controversy, in our said Court depending and undetermined between
found against her at the term March term
last
And this *she* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of \$100 ; And have then
there this writ. Witness, RICHARD D. BAYLY, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-
House, the *17th* day of *April* Anno Dom. 1824 and in the
48th year of our foundation.

Richd D Bayly Clk

Commonwealth
vs. Phillis
Phillis Cause

Summoned
Go W Coopper Esq
for his coopership

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Virginia Accomack County

Be it remembered that Thomas A. Innes attorney for the Commonwealth in the County Court holden in & for the County of Accomack who for the said Commonwealth in this behalf prosecutes in his proper person comes into the said Court on the 30th day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty four and for the said Commonwealth giveth the Court due to understand and be informed that Phillis Outten free negro late of the parish of St. George and County aforesaid, spinster, here before viz on the 9th day of July 1814 was at law belonging to a certain Henry Outten late of the County aforesaid, and the said Henry Outten on the same 9th day of July 1814 by his last will and Testament, duly executed in writing, emancipated and set free the said Phillis from slavery and the said Henry Outten afterwards departed this life having the said will in full force, and after he died viz on the 28th day of October 1814 the said will was duly proved and admitted to record in County Court of Accomack. And the said Phillis with free and annual the parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid, remained within this Commonwealth more than twelve months after her right to freedom had accrued as aforesaid, viz from the same 28th of October 1814 to the 1st day of March 1824.

to the evil and pernicious Example of all others in like cases offending against the form of the acts of the general assembly in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Thos. Innes Atty
for the Com. Court

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