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We 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 County and parish aforesaid more than 12 months after her emancipation contrary to Law having been emancipated since 1806 upon the information of WD Seymour sworn in court.

WD Seymour (foreman)

March 29th 1824

The Commonwealth of Virginia, To the Sheriff of Accomack County—
Greeting: We command you to summon Phillis by Outten a free negro to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Accomack, at the Court-House, on the 1st day of May court then and there to shew cause if any she can why an information should not be filed against her upon the presentment of the Grand Jury found against her at 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 CAC [Clerk of Accomack Court]

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Summoned Geo W Cropper DS [Deputy Sheriff] for Thos Cropper Shf.
[Sheriff]

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Be it remembered that Thomas R Joynes 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 here into the said Court on the 30th day of March, Eighteen hundred and twenty four, and for the said Commonwealth giveth the Court here to understand and be informed that Phillis Outten free negroe, late of the parish of St George and County aforesaid, spinster, heretofore viz on the 9th of July 1822 was a slave belonging to a certain Mary Outten late of the County aforesaid; and the said Mary Outten on the same 9th day of July 1822 by her last Will and Testament duly executed in writing, Emancipated and set free the said Phillis from slavery and the said Mary Outten afterwards departed this life leaving the said Will in full force, and after her death viz on the 28th day of October 1822 the said Will was duly proved and admitted to record in County Court of Accomack. And the said Phillis with force and arms at 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 day of October, 1822 to the 1st day of March 1824.

to the evil and pernicious Example of 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. Tho R Joynes Atty for the ComWealth

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