

To the worshipful court of Accomack County.

The petition of Mary humbly sheweth that she is a [lineal ?] descendant by female line from a certain Mall Cook one of the native aboriginal Indians of this country and has as your petitioner believes a just title to her freedom but being heald as a slave by Robert Andrews and Anna Maria Andrews of the county of Accomac. She is in such low & abject circumstances that she cannot prosecute a suit to ascertain her title to liberty unless this worshipful court will permit her to do so in forma pauperis and she humbly prays that council may be assigned her and process of this court awarded in her behalf and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Mary, her mark

I humbly conceive that the sd. Mary has probable title to her freedom.

Ths. M. Bayly
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