Georgia,

To the Honorable John Gordon, esquire Governor of the said State, and the Honble the Executive Council.

The Petition of J. B. Gray, Joseph Forster and Francis Warington.

Sheweth,

That some few days past the Schooner Freedom, consigned to your Petitioners from the Island of Saint Lucia, arrived in the River Savannah, with a number of Negroes on board, that the pilot who boarded her, brought her up the River as far as three fathom hole, at which place she now lays — That your petitioners have been at some trouble and expense, and carried on board, Doctor Be croft, to examine the state of health of the said Negroes and Officers on board the said Schooner Freedom, and after the most minute inspection finds them remarkably healthy and not affected with any contagious disorder — as will more fully appear by his Certificate hereto annexed. —

That on the arrival of the aforesaid Negroes at the Island of Saint Lucia, they were all detained hereafter.
before they were admitted on board, and that they remain in the said island near 34 Weeks before they put on board for that port - which must have effectively cleared them of all impediments of any kind or disorder.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the said vessel may be permitted to proceed to town in order that they may dispose of the said slaves before they fall sick - which must inevitably take place, if they should be obliged to remain longer on board - as the vessel is but small, and they much cramped.

And they will pray -

[Signature]

Francis Washington
Savannah June 25th 1784

I do hereby certify that I have this day examined the state of health of the Negroes and sailors on board the Schooner Freedom, and on a mere inspection find them remarkably healthy and particularly that there is no contagious disease among them.

Sam. Bell Jr. Sig'd R.P.

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