The Deposition of John Thackrell of Ann Arundel County aged sixty Years or thereabout being first sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith That he knew Mary Fisher when he was a Boy she lived at a Quarter belonging to old Mr. Beale near Annapolis was a Mulatto and ever since he can remember deemed and reputed to be Free, lived as a free Woman and was treated as such, never heard or understood she was a Slave. This Deponents Father was Coverser for old Mr. Beale eleven Years and he has heard his Father say he had nothing to do with her (Mary Fisher) she could go where she pleased and come when she pleased for she was a free Woman. This Deponent further saith that his Father lived at a place near Annapolis now in possession of Colonel Weems who intermarried with Miss Mary Dorsey and in the neighbourhood of Annapolis until he died. That he has heard his Sister Mary Sheilds (who is seventy six or seventy eight Years old) say that the said Mary Fisher was always Free ever since she knew her. This Deponent further saith that Mary Fisher had several Children Robin Jack Jemmy Dick Charles Ned Ann and one or two more Daughters, one he is sure, cant recollect her Name, she married Tobias Hall. This Deponent further saith that Mary Fisher cohabited with a Mulatto Man who lived with old Mr. Beale but does not know whether they were married or not and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to before A Hanson. Octr. 9th 1702.

The said John Thackrell further saith that the Mulatto Man Dick who cohabited with Mary Fisher had long black hair that hung down below his Shirt Collar. He always understood from his Father and the Neighbours that Dick was the Father of Robin, Jack, Jemmy, Dick, Charles, Ned, and Ann before mentioned. Saith that he well remembers that Dick was alive when Mary Fisher lived as a free Woman and she used to come to Annapolis to Wash and do other kinds of labour. The latter part of the aforegoing Deposition sworn to in open Court. Test, Thos. Hodgkin Cl.

The Deposition of Eleanor Hall being of full Age and first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith That when she was a very small Girl she remembered Mary Fisher a White or Mulatto Woman who lived at that Time at a place belonging to Thomas John Dammond near her Father Richard Dorsey's Plantation That said Mary was an old Woman and passed for a Free Woman and kept Company with a White Man of the name of Fleming as she understood, that she doth not know how she came to be Free. That she knew Anne Fisher her reputed Daughter who dyed a few Months past and always understood that she was in a State of Slavery or subjection: That she petitioned more than once for her freedom as she hath heard but did not get free. And further this Deponent saith not

Taken before me the subscriber one of the Justices for Ann Arundel County this 24th day of October 1702. Eleanor Hall. Nicht. Worthington

The Deposition of Mrs. Ann Beall who deposeth and saith That she has heard Mrs. Hannah Norwood say that Mary Fisher the Mother of Ann Fisher Petitioned but

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