a man of very bad Character and that she lives adjoining to his plantation and is considered a great injury to the neighbourhood from her connection with negroes. Being asked from whom he understood that Mulatto Moll came out of Robert Lockwoods family: answers that he cannot particularly recollect, Being also asked from whom he understood that Mulatto Moll was the Mother of Mary Batson:- Answers that he knew Moll who he is informed now calls herself Mary Batson when she was a small Girl at which time she lived with her Mother Mulatto Moll and that he thinks the said Mary Batson is about his age, and that he was born not more than a Mile from the place where the said Mary was born as he is informed and believes. Being asked whether the said Mulatto Moll was born free or a slave: Answers that he has understood that she was born of a white Mother by a black father; Being asked whether he knows of any connection of Mrs. Watkins with negroes other than negroes assembling at her house to hear preaching: answers he does not. Being asked when and in what numbers they assemble there: says cheafly by night and understands in numbers: Being asked if he knew any of the Brothers of Mary Batson: Answers he knew Tom and Mark, Being asked whether they were considered as slaves or free persons, answers that he thinks he has understood that they were to be freed at such an age, Being asked if Tom died in the possession of Mr. Richardson: Answers he believes so, and that he has understood that the reason Mulatto Moll came to serve so long was by her having Children by a slave. Being asked whether Tom was worked as a slave: Answers that he was worked in the same manner as Mr. Richardsons other negroes; Being asked whether he ever heard Mr. Richardson claim him as a slave: answers that he never heard him say any about him.

Thos. Gibbs.

Taken in the presence of the Counsel of the parties and sworn to before me this 3d. of November 1791.

Jas. Disney.

Mary Cruchly aged more than seventy six years being first sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she was born in Ann Arundel County near the place where Rawlings Tavern now stands and was carried as she has been informed and believes into the swamp an infant at the breast where she lived adjoining the plantation of Old Robert Lockwood and within one Mile of his house, until she was sixteen years of age, that she always understood Lenah was a slave of old Robert Lockwood and after his decease came as such into the possession of Mrs. Jones that the deponents Mother as she believes was well acquainted with old Robert Lockwood and his family and that from every thing she has ever heard from her Mother and others during her whole life she has been informed and verily believes that the said Lenah was a slave and had no right to her freedom and that she well remembers one of her (Lenah's) family trying to get free a number of years [illegible] it could be well proved who Lenah was and all about her [illegible] then proved that they had no right to their

freedom and deponent further saith that she never heard of such a person as Lenah's Mother being in this Country and she believes no such person ever lived in the swamp or on Robert Lockwoods Plantation or she thinks she must have known or heard of her, that she knew old Mulatto Moll who she is informed was the mother of the person called Mary Batson and always understood then she served her time out with Old William Richardson, that she also knew several Mulattos who did belong to the Estate of Old Robert Lockwood and were distributed about after his death, to wit, among others Toby, Nan and Bet who came to old Mrs. Metcalfe and some to Mrs. Jones and some to old William Richardson. Being asked whether she had any other reason to believe Lenah was a slave, other than seeing her in the possession of Mrs. Jones: Answers that she has no other than seeing her there among other slaves and never hearing that she was free, except Mrs. Jones leaving her to her son Gaseway Watkins with whom she lived and died as a slave, Being asked what reason she had to believe that her Mother was well acquainted with old Robert Lockwood and his family: Answers that her Father possessed and lived on the plantation adjoining old Robert Lockwoods plantation and that her Mother lived there about ten years before this deponent was born before which time she the deponents Mother lived with her father the deponents Grandfather near where Rawlings Tavern now stands, not more than five Miles from where Robert Lockwood lived. Being asked what age she supposed her mother was when she was married: answers that she supposes she was about 18 or 19 years of Age; Being asked whether she recollects any conversation of her Father respecting Lenah: Answers she does not recollect to have heard any, Being asked whether she recollects from whom she heard that Toby, Nan and Bet came from old Robert Lockwoods Estate: answers that she knew the persons, but cannot recollect particularly from whom she heard that they came from Lockwoods Estate; Being asked how long she has known Mulatto Moll: Answers about 20 years or more, and does not believe that Mulatto Moll was older than herself, Being asked if Mulatto Moll has been dead 8 or 10 years: Answers she believes she has been dead 8 or 10 years and that she was an old woman when she died.

Mary her mark Cruchly

Taken in the presence of the Counsel of the parties and sworn to before me this 4th day of Novr. 1791.

Jas. Disney.

The Deposition of Benjamin Carr of Ann Arundel County aged about sixty six years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God saith that he has known Mary Batson a Witness swon in this cause many years, and the said Mary Batson lived with the deponent and on his plantation about ten years and during the whole time conducted herself honestly and behaved well, and the deponent thinks her honest and deserving of Credit; and the deponent never heard any charge against the honest or veracity of Mary Batson who has raised several children since he knew her, Swoon to in open Court the 16th October 1791.

Jno. Gwinn Clk.

Benjamin Atwell of Ann Arundel County who says he was born on the first day of January and he thinks in the year seventeen hundred and five, being duly swon on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he does not remember Lenah who formerly lived with Robert [illegible]