James L. McDowell about 30 or 40 years ago had a dwelling house on said Island which he used occasionally to reside in for the purpose of attending to the cultivation of said island and that he never did hear of any person claiming or pretending to claim any right or title to the same until he heard of the claim lately made by some persons in Harford County by the name of Abraham Hagg and Jacob Ashmead

Sworn and subscribed to this 22d day of July 1817

Jacob Moore Hagg

The above deposition was taken on the survey in my presence

Jacob Moore Hagg

This Witness a good about 27 years being duly sworn deposeth and says that the Rocks stand where they were marked A. B. by planting of Sugar Island

July 22d 1817 Abraham Hagg

The above deposition was taken on the survey in my presence

Jacob Moore Hagg

The deposition of James L. Porter of the said County of Harford aforesaid of fifty one years who being sworn on the Holy Gospels to speak the truth saith that in relation to the possession of Lewis L. McDowell and his father Thomas McDowell and grandfather James McDowell of said Island Cassia Island deposeth and saith that he has known the said Island for about 40 years and that he has known it to be in possession of the ancestors of James L. McDowell and his sisters, his father Thomas McDowell and grandfather James McDowell the grandfather of the present James L. McDowell that he came last from and that James McDowell the grandfather of the present defendant had a dwelling house on said Island which house was still occupied by a certain man of the name of Andrew Nantz or Nutz and

that he never did hear of any person claiming or pretending to claim any right or title to any part or parcel thereof until after the death of the aforesaid Thomas McDowell who died in or about the year eighteen hundred and two and that since that year and during the minority of the children of the said Thomas McDowell he the deponent hath frequently heard of a late claim made by certain gentlemen of Harford County to wit, Ashmead Hagg and others

Sworn and subscribed to this 22d day of July in the year 1817

James L. Porter

The above deposition was taken on the survey in my presence

Jacob Moore Hagg

Whereupon the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid prayed leave of the Court here to amend the plats and certificates returned to the Court here in this cause and to add thereto a marked by the second Monday of March next and to them it is granted, and the same are delivered to the Sheriff and Surveyor aforesaid for the purpose

Thereupon further proceeds of and upon the principal argument between the parties aforesaid by Counsel of the said parties and their attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon is continued until the second Monday of March next.

At which said second Monday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen comes again into the County Court here as well the said Moses Jolly Estate as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as the said James McDowell by his attorney aforesaid and the said Sheriff and Surveyor of the County aforesaid to whom the said plats and certificates were delivered for the purpose of amending or adding thereto if necessary return the same to the Court here and do with the following depositions taken before them to wit

The deposition of David Buchanan first for the defendant being