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Dowinda, to one Col. Vaughan of Portsmouth aforesaid with whose daughter the said Ross married, and the said Doree or Dowinda was born a slave in the house of the said Vaughan, and always slave while in this Country and never manumitted as ever the Depon.t heard of, and he understood that to her she was sent away from hence to Virginia Twas as a slave

Hunking Wentworth

Province of New Hamp.t August the twenty second 1741 Then appeared the above named Hunking Wentworth before me the subscriber one of his majesty's Justices of the peace for the said province, and made solemn oath to the truth of the above Deposition by him signed

Sam.l Hart

The Deposition of Mrs. Sarah Ross wife of Mr. John Ross of Portsmouth in the province of New Hampshire Physician, who testifies and declares that the Mulatto Girl Dowinda commonly called Doree mentioned in the Deposition on the other side hereof was born a slave in the Deponents father's house and lived there until she was given by her father to the Depon.t that the Deponents father purchased the mother and Grand mother of the said Dowinda of John Wentworth late of Portsm.t aforesaid Esq.r deceased as slaves and that the Grand mother of the said Dowinda is now living a slave with the Depon.t mother, and the mother of the said Dowinda was sold some years since for a slave for a slave by the Depon.t brother

Sarah Ross

Province of New Hampsh.t September 21.st 1741. Then the above named Sarah Ross appearing before me the subscriber one of his majesty's Justices of the peace for said province, made oath to the truth of the testimony by her subscribed —

Sam.l Hart —

New Anglia — I William Parker, Notary & Tabellion public by authority admitted & sworn dwelling in Portsmouth in the province of New Hamp.shire in New England do hereby certify all whom it may concern that Samuel Hart Esq.r before whom the within written Depositions were taken and sworn is one of his majesty's Justices of the peace for the province aforesaid and fully authorized to administer oaths and take depositions which being by him taken and so certified under his hand are authenticated to be received as Evidence both in Court and without, and full faith and credit is and ought to be given to such his certificate — And I further certify that the said Justice took the said Depositions in my presence. Thus certified by me in Portsmouth aforesaid the twenty eighth day of September, in the fifteen year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the second, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King defender of the faith &c Anno Domini 1741.

In Cujus Rei Testimonium Sigillo Officii Signari Rogatus — William Parker Not. Pub.

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Mary Ingram being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she this Deponent was well acquainted with a certain Dowinda Vaughan, the mother of the petitioner and that they lived in the same house together she further saith that the said Dowinda Vaughan, was brought into this Country by a certain Capt. Thomas Barter, and as this deponent understood from New England — This deponent farther saith that she has heard the sailors belonging to the said Capt. Barter's Vessel (and the cabbin Boy of the said Vessel in particular) often say that the mother of the said Dowinda Vaughan, was an East Indian, and that the Father of the said Dowinda was a white man. This deponent farther saith, that she understood from the said Sailors & Cabbin Boy, that the mother of the said Dowinda Vaughan, had bound the said Dowinda as an indented servant to some person in New England, and that the mistress of the said Dowinda becoming jealous of the said Dowinda, got the said Capt. Thomas Barter (without the knowledge & consent of her husband) to bring the said Dowinda Vaughan over here and sell her. This Deponent further saith that she has often seen the said Dowinda Vaughan in the family of a certain Solomon Robinson of Talbot County, and that she understood in the said Solomon Robinson's family that the said Robinson held the said Dowinda as a five year servant by purchasing the said Dowinda from the said Capt. Barter — This Deponent farther saith that after the said Capt. Barter had made another voyage, and had returned into this Country again, the said Capt. Barter, got the said Dowinda again from the said Solomon Robinson, and boarded the said Dowinda in the same house where this Deponent then lived, and that during the time in which the said Dowinda lived in the same house with this Deponent, the said Capt. Barter bedded frequently with the said Dowinda. This deponent farther saith, that during the time the said Dowinda lived as aforesaid in the same house with this deponent a quarrel arose between the said Capt. Barter, and the said Dowinda, and that the said Capt. Barter beat the said Dowinda and immediately went on board his Vessel and returned the next morning to the house where this deponent, and the said Dowinda then lived, and after the said Capt. Barter had sat some time the said Capt. Barter, told the said Dowinda that he had a proposal to make to her, which proposal this deponent saith was that he the said Capt. Barter, would then before this deponent give up into the said Dowinda the Indenture of her the said Dowinda, with a discharge on the back of the said Indenture (which said Indenture the said Capt. Barter then took out of his pocket, and which this deponent then saw) in case she the said Dowinda would agree to take the Child of the said Dowinda called Rachel (and which said Child the said Capt. Barter was supposed to be father of) and would go and work for her living and would never trouble him the said Capt. Barter anymore, to which proposal of the said Capt. Barter, this deponent saith the said Dowinda replied, and asked the said Capt. Barter how he supposed that she

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