missioner appointed by Saint Mary's County Court after having duly qualified proceeded on Tuesday the 12th day of August 1845 after giving due notice to take the following depositions in this case- Robert Davis of Lawful age after being duly sworn, deposes and says that about five years ago he sold a tract of land called Luckland to Geo. W. Moreland for two thousand dollars, that he has given no deed for the Land, the purchase money not being paid, he believes there is still due principal and interest upwards of Seven hundred dollars upon the purchase, and Mr. Robert Davis admits the following credits Jany 1st '41. Dr. looker's two notes amounting to (with interest from 11th Decr 1838 . . . . . $1100:00

And gave Jno. H. Key an order on Moreland for 30:00

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He thinks that negro Larrot was not worth $100 and he would not give that for him, as he the witness is now aged 34, and Larret was an old man when he was a boy- witness took the land at the valuation of $1200, and does not think it worth the $1200- and further says not.-

Joseph Shemwell of lawful age after being duly sworn deposes and says that he was present at the sale and bid for negro Larret to the amount of 90 odd dollars, he did not see the negro at the time of sale, but he bid as much as if the negro had been present- and deponent wished to purchase the negro and stopped bidding because he thought he had gone to his full value. Witness has told Moreland since sale that he wished he had gone a few dollars more as he was in great want of another hand- witness would have given a few dollars more that the value on account of the inconvenience of wanting a hand and farther sayeth not.-

Henry Fowler, after being duly sworn- deposeth and says that he has known negro Larret for thirty years and from his appearance when he first knew him he should take him to be sixty at this time he has not seen him for several years and he was considered a first rate hand and farther saith not.-

James Brookbank sworn deposes and says that he sailed in the Schooner Julia Ann Maria in 1841 and 1842 for five months he would not have given at that time more than $1400- for her and farther says not.

Capt. George W. Blakistone sworn deposes and says that he knows the Schooner Julia Ann Maria he was on board of her several times last year and from all that he could see of her- she was not trust worthy to carry produce to Baltimore and he estimates her highest cash price at that time was not more than $500- he does examined- says that he thinks her from 10 to 12 years old- he does not know of any loss or damage sustained by her carrying grain or other produce and farther says not.-

S. H. Gough, sworn on part of objectors, says that he knows very little about the Schooner, he bid for her at the sale to the extent of $390- Mr. Bened- Gough who was acting as Deputy Sheriff bled

deponent that he did not know what he was about- Mr. Key is doing what you intend to do if your object is to prevent a sacrifice- Witness thought from the remark of B. Gough that Mr. Key was bidding for Moreland he ceased bidding for that reason but otherwise would have gone $10- more- Witness farther says that the vessell was laying in the creek at his house about five miles from this place (Leonard Town) where the property was sold and farther says not.-

Capt. Henry H. Blakistone sworn for objectors says he is acquainted with the Schooner Julia Ann Maria and in 1841 he thought her worth $1400- he would not purchase any Vessell without an opportunity of examining her, unless he bought her very low- that in estimating her to be worth $1400 he took into consideration that Bowling was going out of business and that his run of business would be worth $200 and also took into the calculation the Scow- bags tarpaulins &c. Witness idea of the depreciation of the value of a vessel by use and age is this that if he had given $1400- in 1841. he would be willing to take $800- for her in 1845- and farther says not.-

Capt. A. Thompson for objectors sworn deposes and says he knows the Schooner Julia Ann Maria and was one of the appraisers sworn by the sheriff to appraise her, boarded her at the time and examined her and valued her as one of the appraisers at $600- witness thinks her about 10 or 12 years old and farther says not.-

Ignatius Fiko, sworn for objectors says that Mr. Moreland applied to him to accept a draft for $327:- and he refused to do so afterwards- J. H. Key- applied to him to accept a draft for the same amount which he did accept and charged the acceptance to Key and Moreland- the draft he accepted had only Mr. Key's name on it and farther says not- Then adjourned till tomorrow the 13th inst.-

Benedict Gough on part of purchasers sworn deposes and says that Mrs. Moreland called on him several times for the surplus money of the sale, deponent replied that he could not get the money from the purchasers and Moreland then threatened to sue the sheriffs Bond, at the time he applied to the purchasers for the surplus they declined paying it on the ground that they were responsible for Moreland on Judgments for more than that amount (which testimony was objected to by Morelands counsel). Examined on part of objectors says he was the D. sheriff who levied the fi fa he gave upwards of twenty days clear notice of sale in the Leonard Town Herald, a paper published in Saint Mary's County and at the Court House Door and no other place- The land lies about 15 miles from Leonard Town and about 3½ from Chaptico- Chaptico is a place of considerable business and the Herald circulated freely in that neighborhood- The vessel at time of sale was in Saint Clements Bay, near the Shiffs- house, such a vessel could