Witness the Honorable William Polk, Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the 11th day of November Anno Domini 1811. Issued the 15th day of November Anno Domini 1811. Order John C. Handy Clk.

Commissioners Oath. You shall according to the best of your skill & knowledge, truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties take the examination and depositions of all and every Witness and Witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed upon the Interrogatories now or which may hereafter before the said Commission is closed be produced to & left with you by either of the said parties - so help you God.

Negro Patience & Sally Dennis — Petition for Freedom. Worcester County. Copy Interrogatories upon the part of the Petitioner. 1. Do you know the parties in this cause? answer 2d Do you know whether a certain Negro Woman named Nanny or Nancy who formerly belonged to Shadrach Dennis is not the mother of said Patience? and whether the said Patience was not formerly when an infant called by the name of Lucy or Lucy? answer. 3d Do you know of the said mother of said Petitioner living in Delaware State, with whom, at what time and how long and whether she was hired there and to whom, and whether she was afterwards carried into the State of Virginia, when by whom & how long did she continue there? answer. 4th Do you know any thing of importance to be disclosed to the advantage of the Petitioner Answer 5th Do you know whether the petitioner ever lived in Virginia or Delaware & was she ever carried from both or either of the said States into Maryland, if so when? answer and where she resided or was hired there? answer. Wm Whittington Atty for petitioner. True Copy Test John C. Handy clk.

Negro Patience & Sally Dennis — Petition for freedom. Worcester County Court. Copy Interrogatories upon part of Respondent. 1st Do you know the parties to this cause or either of them, and if you do how long have you known them? Answer 2d Do you know who is the mother of the petitioner, how long have you known her, do you know of the mother living in Maryland with whom did she live, at what time and how long? answer severally — 3d Do you know any thing of importance to be disclosed to the advantage of the Respondent if you do relate in the same way as if you were particularly interrogated. E.K. Wilson for respondent. True Copy Test John C. Handy Clk.

Whereupon comes into Court here Ambrose White the security for the appearance of the said Negro Patience here from time to time in support of her petition for freedom, at the request of the said Ambrose White and by order of Court is exonerated and discharged from being security for the said Negro Patience appearance and thereupon Patrick Waters of Worcester County present here in Court acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland, Maryland, in the sum of eight hundred dollars current money to be levied of his body goods chattels lands and tenements to and for the use of the said State, in case that he does remove Negro Patience out of this State or obstruct her from attending this Court from time to time in support of her petition for freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said Sally Dennis, and in the mean time if he does not feed cloath and use her well — Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the said parties by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon is further continued until the second Monday of May next. At which said second Monday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve came again into the County Court here as well the said Negro Patience as the said Sally Dennis by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Commissioners aforesaid make return to the Court here of the said Commission with the Depositions thereto annexed. & which is contained in the following words to wit.

Worcester County ss. The State of Maryland to James Gillis & William Downing of Accomack County, in the State of Virginia Gentlemen, Greeting. Be it known that you are appointed Commissioners to examine witnesses in a cause depending in the County Court of Worcester, between Negro Patience Petitioner and Sally Dennis Respondent, therefore you or either of you are requested having first taken the oaths hereunto annexed that at such time & place as to you or either of you shall seem convenient, you or either of you

cause to come before you or either of you all such witnesses as shall be named or produced to you or either of you by either the Petitioner or Respondent, and that you or either of you examine them upon their Corporal Oaths to be by you or either of you administered or the holy Evangels of Almighty God or upon their respective affirmations touching their knowledge or Remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you or either of you having reduced the depositions of the Witnesses so taken by you or either of you into Writing you send the same with this Commission closed under your or either of your hands and seals to the said County Court of Worcester with all convenient speed. Witness the honorable William Polk, Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the 11th day of November Anno Domini 1811. Issued the 15th day of November Anno Domini 1811.

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I David Waters one of the Justices for the County of Accomack do hereby certify that the above oath was this day sworn to by Jas Gillis and William Downing Esqrs. Given under my hand & seal this 5th day of December 1811. (Levin Waters) (Seal)

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Negro Patience & Sally Dennis — The Deposition of William Hayes of the County of Accomac and State of Virginia of the age of sixty one years and upwards being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, who saith that he this deponent is well acquainted with Negro Patience and Sally Dennis the parties mentioned above and has known them both from their Infancy. This Deponent further saith that he well knew Nanny who went for the mother of Patience, & that he supposes he had known the said Nanny for about (thirty) thirty five years past, that there were two negro Girls about Shadrach Dennis's house the one by the name of Lucy and the other by the name of Patience, which was said to be Nannys children. This Deponent further saith he well remembers that Nanny when about twelve years of age lived at John Brumsby in the State of Maryland, but cannot tell how long but supposes that it was one year (and about thirty five years ago) afterwards the said Nanny was sent into the State of Delaware to live awhile the length of time this Deponent do not remember, this Deponent further saith that he never knew that the said Nanny came out of the State of Delaware into the State of Virginia this deponent further the Petitioner (Patience) was ever carried out of the State of Virginia this deponent further