I cannot swear positively that I did not read the deed, for I did not charge my mind with the particulars, but to the best of my knowledge I did not. I asked Henry if he knew what he was about. He said that he and Mr. Wilson had talked the matter over between themselves and I thought that if he understood it, it was not necessary for me to read it over. This is my usual practice. I saw nothing at the time to induce me to depart from this custom. I think the note was not read to him. The note was written there, I glanced over it myself and saw that it was Seven Hundred or Seven Hundred and fifty Dollars. I supposed from what he said at first, that he and Mr. Wilson understood the matter. I called upon to take an acknowledgement of an illiterate person. I had reason to suspect fraud. I should feel obliged by my duty to read it over to him. The note was drawn there, to the best of my knowledge on unstamped paper, though as to this, I do not speak with absolute certainty. I do not know any thing of Mr. Farquharson being up in the fork, after Henry of my own knowledge. I have heard so. Henry has lived in the fork, about from 21 to 23 from Cambridge, ever since the death of Col: Harper. He has generally followed the water. Has no knowledge of Mr. Wilson concealing him, or hindering him from an interview with Mr. Farquharson. Henry is about 28 to 35 years of age. Re-examination, I think the farm at the time that Mr. Wilson bought it at Trustee's sale was worth every dollar that Mr. Wilson gave for it, four thousand Dollars a clear title.

I should not have been willing to have bought it from Henry because I did not consider that in his situation he could give as good a title as I should want for a tract of land having a Trustee that is as I have understood the will to be. Thinks from the situation of the property that it would not sell as well as if the purchaser had the management of it himself. The property sold beyond the expectation of some persons but not as a general thing it did not. The farm rented for Two Hundred Dollars. There is another place in which Henry had an interest which sold for Twelve Hundred Dollars and upwards. This I think was more than its value. It rented for 60 and afterwards for 45 Dollars rents now upon shares. The place witness thinks is worth some 800. or 900. dollars. Has heard it reported in the neighbourhood that Henry was afraid that Mr. Farquharson wanted to get him to Cambridge to sell him, never heard Henry say so, And did not believe that Mr. Farquharson so intended. Do not know what Henry may have believed. Objected to. Three or four years passed there was a general rumour that the negroes received but a trifle for the trust, since Mr. Farquharson's appointment I have not heard any thing of the sort.

March 24th 1852. James H. Bell

The case was thereupon adjourned to the 26th day of March when the following proceedings were had. James B. Thompson a witness called on the part of the petitioner John D. Farquharson aged Thirty five years being duly sworn deposeth and saith as follows. I am acquainted with Mr. Wilson and Henry Robinson but not with Mr. Farquharson, reside near Crotchin Ferry, and about four miles from Mr. Wilson. For the last Two or three years have been in the habit of doing business as a magistrate in my neighbourhood mostly at Crotchen Ferry, on both sides of the

river, within a mile and a half or two miles of Mr. Wilson and about Twenty miles from Cambridge. Mr. Rea the former Trustee, and Mr. Farquharson reside in Cambridge. Henry has been in the habit of working about as a day labourer, sometimes with tools in the ship yard. He has lately taken up working in the ship yard he has followed catching fish in the season, working in the cripples, getting out wood &c selling it. I do not know much about his condition at this time, he is a pretty industrious fellow. I believe and looks as though he lived pretty well. I do not know of his being in the habit of working much with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is a man of standing and is called a wealthy citizen. He is a man of as much influence in the neighbourhood as any other man I believe, and is a good deal thought of and respected. Henry is a black man, and was left free by his master, Col: Harper. I suppose he is in the common condition of free Black men, from what I know of him. I think he married a slave woman of Mr. Wilson's do not know of his making his home on Mr. Wilson's premises. I do not recollect hearing Henry say any thing about his interest in the Estate left by Col: Harper more than I have seen him give an order to Mr. Bransfield on Mr. Rea. (before the sale of the land by Henry & Mr. Wilson as I heard say. Do not recollect hearing him say any thing except at the time of giving the order, he seemed to claim it as his right, and I think he said that he had not received any great deal since the death of his master. The order was for Twenty five Dollars, I think. I do not then or recollect whether I wrote the order or not. It was was some two or three years ago probably longer it has, it has been within two years. I believe folks think generally that they ought to have had a right to a proportionable part of the land according to the way it was left. I do not know with regard to the blacks being under an impression that they would not get any thing from it. I do not recollect hearing it said that they could be bought out for a trifle. Henry has no education that I know of. I have witnessed a paper signed by Henry, not more than one that I recollect of. This was some time last year to the best of my knowledge. This paper was something concerning his and Mr. Wilson's business about the land I think. Henry did not read the paper before he signed it. Nothing more occurred than that. I and Mr. Wilson tried to read it to him and make him understand it as far as I could. I do not know who wrote the paper. I do not recollect at this time whether it was very plain or not. I hardly think it was very plain. There was some part of it that bothered us, but I believe we could make it out generally me and Mr. Wilson together, we tried to do so, I think we made it out. Henry seemed to understand it, he seemed to know what he was a doing of. I do not know of Henry and Mr. Wilson having any talk before I was called in at that time. Mr. Wilson called me up there. It was signed before William Bransfield Store House to the best of my recollection, at Crotcher's Ferry over the river. I do not recollect at this time, whether I administered any oath to Mr. Wilson or to Henry. I think probably I might have administered an oath, but do not recollect much about it. The paper will show. I think I probably did, but I am not certain about it. I do not recollect, Henry saying any thing any more than Mr. Wilson's reading over to him, and he afterwards signed it willingly to the best of my knowledge