Months after Mr Meller was there six or nine months before Shelwell came Mr Meller when he first became acquainted to me that he expected to become a Neighbor that he wanted to procure a home for himself and his daughter Sarah Wright. that his two sons Benjamin and Mark had got homes of their own and he was able to procure one for himself and his daughter he then as he informed me went to one Feelemeyer who was then an agent of Mrs Calvert for the renting of their property for the purpose of renting the same, and to shift to see me and said that he had got the property and to immediately went into possession, At that time Mr Meller was able to earn a livelihood was an industrious and healthy man, Sarah Wright was to all appearance a healthy and industrious woman and was able to earn a livelihood, I have no knowledge of Mr Shelwells pecuniary condition he is a laboring man by which I mean that he labors for his daily bread, to hire himself out to attend to market gardens and raising vegetables and keeping all grounds for pasture he was always considered a poor man That about the time that Shelwell was moving to this place Mr Meller stated to me that if Shelwell would come that he Meller would let him have the place to work all the best advantage provided he Meller had the house and one acre of the ground and that Shelwells was to have all the rest to the best advantage that he could upon his paying the ground rent Mr Meller was a tailor by trade I do not consider the buildings now on the place embracing the improvements put up by Shelwell as worth a difference of ten dollars more than from the Buildings as they stood when Shelwell originally came there I think however that Mr Shelwell has improved the property and title in my Judgment I am a farmer have been such for seventeen years Shelwell has since this property has cultivated it, the property is not enhanced in value in my Opinion by any improvement made by Shelwell. when Shelwell came there I think there must have been between four and five acres of Woodland on this property it is now all cut down the greater portion was cut down since Mrs Wrights death Some was cut down before her death Mr Shelwell sold the Wood His property I think would have been worth five dollars per month in 1846 Shelwell left this place and went elsewhere at one time he went to Mr Somervilles place it was a house and lot containing ten or twelve acres and Shelwell told me that he expected his family over and that he had no place for them at Calvertville this was perhaps in 1843 or 1844 he remained there a period of twelve months or thereabouts I am not positive that he removed from here to Mr Carpenters place or Mr McClairs but he went to one of those two places and then went to Mr Glenns I think he remained at Mr Glenns about the same length of time that he remained at the Somerville place and then his family

went to Ellicotts Mills and kept a grocery store for the sale of Negalies with which Shelwell kept them supplied. he lived at Carpenters I think only one season he lived at Mr McClairs after having removed from Ellicotts Mills stopping a short time at the place at Calvertville before going to McClairs This farming utensils and Shelwells stock chattels & portion of them were removed from the place at Calvertville to McClairs Shelwell told me that he took a harrow over there and used it. Shelwell was at McClairs only one season to the best of my knowledge the place at Calvertville was not cultivated all four seasons at other times kept it in an idle crop Sarah Wright had her effects there during all this time. I can say that she was there all the time as she had occasion to have out Mrs Wright was in the habit of coming to my house and she told me and my Wife that she was compelled to have out to enable her to procure clothing and sustenance. This I have heard her say twice her clothing at that time was bad indifferent this was about the year 1847 or 1848. At that time Shelwell was not living on the place he was living at McClairs or some other place he was coming backwards and forwards on the place as he always had done Mrs Wright worked for me. she has hired corn and dug potatoes & worked for me principally on the farm. I paid her fifty cts per day and boarded her, she also worked at Mr Fosbey's. when Mrs Wright was living at Fosbeys, Shelwell I think was not living on the place I think it was not occupied by any person I have heard Mrs Wright complain about her suffering while Shelwells was living on the place, I have seen her working on the farm for Shelwell, doing various kind of work general farm work. While Mrs Wright lived with Shelwell he dressed decently she looked as her face was very unbecoming, such as no gentleman would use, he compelled her to lead the horse when he was ploughing, he would damn her if the horse happened to stop a little out of the way, he would curse her for being so awkward, this occurred frequently. I can say twice at all events I considered that Mrs Wright was very much under his control that she was afraid of him, She had expressed herself to my family. He once gave her orders to go and pick Strawberries. I went for the horse when he complained for her to lead the horse, when I was ploughing, I have often heard her say in my house that the place was hers and that as one Shelwell would work it until they paid her for it, this occurred about three months before her death.

Upon Cross Examination by the Complainant the Witness says that he thinks old Mr Meller died in the year of 1838 or 1839 that he left Calvertville the year following that he took possession of the place, that he supposes he was about 79 or 80 years of age when he