Registers Seal

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Records of Wills of the State of Maryland I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Office this 12th day of October 1779

Elie Valette Regr Records

And also shewed by the Admission of the Defendants Counsel that the Negroes Nan and Frank or Frances two of the Petitioners are the Children of Negroe Moll in the said Will mentioned born in the Life time of Elizabeth Cole the devisee in the said Will mentioned and after the Death of the said William Cole which said Elizabeth Cole survived the said William Cole the Testator and that all the other Petitioners are descendants from the said Negroes Nan and Frank or Frances and that the said Negroes have been held in Slavery from the time of their Births respectively

The Defendant produced to the Court the following Transcipt from the Records of Saint Marys County

Know all Men by these presents that I William Cole of Saint Marys County in the Province of Maryland for the great Love and Affection which I bear to my Wife Elizabeth hath given and do by these presents give freely to my said wife Elizabeth one Negroe named Sam, one Negroe Woman named Moll, one Negroe named Tom, one Negroe named Sarah and all other my Goods and Chattels which I have may or ought to have to the said Elizabeth her heirs and Assigns for ever and have and do deliver the Negroe Woman named Moll in the name of the whole Witness my hand and Seal this second day of November 1732. likewise I give one other Negroe Woman named Juda, this before signing and sealing

Will Cole seal

Signed sealed and delivered and the said Negroe Moll delivered in the Name of the whole contained in this Gift in the presence of

John Langley
William Johnson

Enrolled November the 16th 1732. per J Brooke Clk.

The Seal of Saint Marys Co.

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy taken from Liber T No 1 folio 40 one of Saint Marys County Land record Books I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of the County aforesaid this twenty fourth day of April Anenogue Domini 1780

Timothy Bowes Cl Saint Marys County

And also shewed the following Depositions taken under Rule of the General Court and consent of parties on Notice

The Deposition of James Chizum aged Seventy Years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that he well knew a certain William Cole that lived in Saint Marys County that his Wifes name was Elizabeth and that he had the following Negroes at the time that he died viz. Sam, Moll, Tom, Sarah, this Deponent further sayeth that there was no other William Cole in the County that he ever heard off.

his
James 3 Chizum
mark.

Test Robert Watts

The Deposition of Martha Chizum aged Seventy three Years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that

she well knew a certain William Cole that lived in Saint Marys County that he has been as well as she can remember about seven or eight and forty Years of Age that she imagines from his Appearance he was between forty and fifty years of Age, that his Wifes name was Elizabeth that he the said William Cole had the following Negroes at the time that he died viz. Sam, Moll, Judea, Jown, Job and Sibah this Deponent further sayeth that she never heard of any other William Cole living in Saint Marys County

her
Test Robert Watts Martha M Chizum
mark.

The Deposition of John Beal aged sixty eight Years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that he was well acquainted with a certain William Cole of Saint Marys County that he died about forty or fifty years ago that he was between forty and fifty Years of Age that his Wifes name was Elizabeth that she the said Elizabeth has been dead about thirty Years and that she was as well as he can remember about fifty Years old when she died that the Names of the Negroes which William Cole had when he died was as follows viz. Sam, Moll, Tom, Job Sarah and Judea that this deponent never heard of their being any but one of the Name of William Cole, the one above mentioned that he this Deponent also understood that the above named William Cole made a deed of Gift to his said Wife Elizabeth of the above named Negroes and all other his personal Estate of what kind soever which said Deed of Gift he heard of before said William Cole died

his
Test Robert Watts John tt Beal
mark.

The Deposition of Joseph Bennett aged Seventy Years or thereabouts being Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that he was well acquainted with a certain William Cole of Saint Marys County that he died about forty or fifty Years ago that he was forty odd Years of Age that his Wifes name was Elizabeth that she the said Elizabeth had been dead about Thirty Years that she was something odd of fifty Years of Age that the Names of the Negroes which William Cole had at the time that he died was as follows Viz. Sam, Moll, Tom, Job and Sarah that this Deponent never heard or knew of there being any of the Name of William Cole but one that ever lived in Saint Marys County

his
Test Robert Watts Joseph IB Bennett
mark.

Saint Marys County Sct. I the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that on the twenty ninth day of September 1780 I took the Depositions of James Chizum, Martha Chizums, John Beal and Joseph Bennett they being all first sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God and that the word Cole in Martha Chizums Deposition between the fourth and fifth Lines was interlined before signed Given under my hand and Seal the day and year above written

Robert Watts seal

Saint Marys County to wit These are to Certify that the within named Robert Watts Esquire before and by whom the Depositions appear to have been taken and who in Testimony thereof has thereunto subscribed his

Name