of a white woman that belonged to his Father, and after the said time this Deponent knew Sarah very well, she lived with Winifred Gardiner where he first knew her and afterwards with George Sligh, she worked in the House, and was treated like a Free woman. Sarah had three Daughters and a Son that this deponent knew, Charles, Nell, Sarah and Monica, Sarah the younger had four sons - Jeremiah, Joseph and George who have petitioned for Freedom. Joseph & George ags. Edmund Howden and Jeremiah ags. Richd. Henry Miles - the said Petitioners appeared before this Deponent, and Charles who was sold to some body in the back Woods. Nell had three Daughters, and four sons towit Monica, commonly called little Monica, Hopy & Sarah, Charles, Anthony Sam, Nace & Jem. Charles claimed by William Bond & Anthony claimed by Clement Gardiner who have petitioned for Freedom & appear before this Deponent. - little Monica had four sons, Robert, Stephen and Harry; Robert is claimed by Edmund Howden, Stephen is claimed by Charles Carroll and Henry is claimed by William Chandler Brent. all of whom have petitioned for Freedom and now appear before this Deponent - and Charles who went away with the British during the War. Monica, the first named, had a Daughter named Sarah, who is now living with the Widow Roach, and is the mother of Thomas who has petitioned against William Henry Roach and now appears before this Deponent. - The Deponent further saith he knows John Butler, he lived with Deponents Father several years he was always reputed to be the Grand son of Irish Nell & old Sarah was called his aunt - but this Deponent did not know John's mother John has petitioned against Henry Hill, and he now appears before this Deponent. This Deponent saith that old Richd. Edelen and Richd. Boarman have been dead several years. - This Deponent saith he knows Thomas, he is the son of Hopy, and has petitioned against Gerrard Bond and now appears before this Deponent, and further this Deponent saith not. — John Gardiner. —

Sworn to before Robt. Bowden - 18th May 1789. - Taken by consent this 18th May 1789. - J. Jos. Chase for Pet. & A. Thomas for Defr.

The Deposition of Joseph Thompson of St. Mary's County aged fifty four years or thereabout, who being first sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he knows Patrick who has petitioned against Stan Boarman, he is the son of Elizabeth or grand (Bet

Bet, - this deponent remembers Phillis, but dont know that she was the mother of Bet. — — Joseph his mark Thompson. —

Sworn to before Robt. Bowden. — 18th May 1789. —

The Deposition of John Hooper Broom of St. Mary's County aged fifty six years or thereabout, who being first sworn deposeth and saith that he has known John Butler about thirty years and he always understood from the General talk among the neighbours, that he was the Brother of Will Butler, who petitioned for Freedom against Richard Boarman. This deponent further saith that Richard Boarman has been dead about six years. - John H. Broome.

Sworn to this 18th May 1789. - before Robt. Bowden. —

The above Depositions taken by Consent 18th May 1789. —

— J. Jos. Chase for Petr. - John A. Thomas for Defr.

Whereupon, all and singular the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by the Court here being seen, heard and fully understood, and mature deliberation thereupon had, for that it appears to the Court here, that the said John Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to his Freedom being a descendant of a Free white woman, as he by his Petition to the Court here hath alleged; Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said John Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, be Free and discharged of and from the service of the said Henry Hill, and that he the said John Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, go thereof without day, and so forth. It is also considered by the Court here, that the said John Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Henry Hill, the quantity of One thousand three hundred and fifty two pounds of tobacco, by the Court here unto him the said John Butler on his assent adjudged for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his Petition aforesaid laid out and expended, and that he have there of his Execution, and so forth. — Test John Gwinn Clerk —

Memorandum. It is agreed by the Counsel for the Petitioner, that the Judgment in this case shall depend on the Judgment of the Court of Appeals, in the case of Mary Butler against Adam Craig, now depending in said Court of Appeals. — —

— — Judgment signed 26th June 1789. —

Test John Gwinn Clerk —