never knew of his own knowledge that Mingoe the younger had a Sister named Betty but that he hath often heard it said by the old people in the Neighbourhood that she was one of that name who was said to be the daughter of Mingoe the elder and Bess and who was reputed the Sister of Mingoe the younger by every body who knew them, But does not know whether she was the Mother of the Petitioner or not, and + further saith not.

Sworn to before me the Subscriber one of the Justices for ann arundle County this 11th June 1788. — his Philip P Richardson. mark

Nich. Worthington

The deposition of Nathan Hammond aged fifty eight years deposeth and saith, that he always understood as long back as he can remember that Mrs Ruth Howard who was mother to Hannah Benson set Negro Betty free at the time of her death that after the Petitions were filed in Court against his Brothers he this deponant called on Mrs Rachel Hammond widow of Philip Hammond deceased, to ask her if she knew or ever understood how and in what manner Ruth Howard + set Negro Betty free and at what time; who informed this + deponant that she was at Mrs Ruth Howard's on the day Mrs Howard died, and after being there some time Mrs Howard seemed to be very uneasy that her daughter Hannah Benson had not come and soon after Mr Richard Warfield one of her Neighbours came in and took Mrs Howard by the hand and asked her how she did, who answered but very poorly and then told him, that she had sent for him to see that her Negro Woman Betty or Bess was to be free after her death and then died in a short time afterwards And that Negro Betty went free after the death of Mrs Howard, this deponant then said to Mrs Hammond that if ever Negro Betty belonged to Mrs Lamboth she must have sold or given her to Mrs Howard who answered no she was lent, and as Mrs Hammond seemed to be in a very low state of health this deponant said + nothing further to her on the Subject.

Being asked by the Council of the petitioners when Mrs Ruth Howard died, saith about the year 1739.

Being also asked how Mrs Howard came by the possession of the said Negro Betty, answers that he does not know.

Being asked if Negro Nanny the petitioner is not the daughter of Negro Betty aforesaid saith yes.

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Being asked if Mrs Ruth Howard set any negroes free other than Betty answers not to his knowledge.

Being asked when Betty the reputed mother of Nanny died saith about the year 1784 or 1785.

Being asked when Nanny was purchased by the Hammond family saith, some time in the year 1739.

Being asked how long after the death of Mrs Howard it was before Nanny was purchased by the Hammond family, answers, Some few months.

The aforegoing Deposition Sworn to by Nathan Hammond this 12th day of June 1790. before — Nathan Hammond.

Robt. Couden.

I Ann Lambert of the County of Anne Arundel in the province of Maryland Widow being weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried decently according to the discretion of my executors hereafter and as for what worldly goods I have, I give and bequeath in manner and form following.

My will is that all my lands be sold by my Executors hereafter named as also all my personal Estate the Negroes excepted and that two thirds of the money for which the shall be sold I give and bequeath unto the stock of the People called Quakers that live on the Western Shore in this province, the other third I give and bequeath unto the Stock of the said People called Quakers at London. I give and bequeath unto Alice Butterfield a Gown and petticoat of Stuff or Serge and Linen for two Shifts my will is that my negro Man Mingoe and my negro Woman Bess and my negro Boy Mingoe and the Child Bess goes withall shall be free when that Crop is compleatly finished which is or may be in hand at the time of my decease, my Will is that my negro Gyre nan be free at the age of Twenty three years which will happen in the year 1711 and I give her said Time of Servitude to my friend Eliza Richardson and her heirs, I give and bequeath unto my said Negroes the Beds whereon they lay. I give unto Edward Amos and his wife there Bed, I give unto Richd Litten my Couch, I give unto John Gatrice my Mill with the appurtenances thereunto belonging and I give unto his wife my best Gown and

petticoat,