Defendant by his said attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto untill next court and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

The following depositions were agreed to and read as evidence in this cause.

Anthony Boston vs Gafaway Rawlings | Petition for freedom in Anne Arundel County Court.

July 20. 1789. Anne Harwood of Anne Arundel County of lawful age being first duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God touching her knowledge of the above dispute deposeth and saith that she this Deponent knew old Lenah from whom Anthony the petitioner descended that she the said Lenah has been dead about forty years and died as a part of this deponents fathers estate that she lived with him as a slave and that she this deponent never heard of said Lenah Claiming her freedom till lately that she understood said Lenah was brot into this country in a Guinea Ship amongst other slaves and sold as such and was purchased by one Lockwood as she this deponent has been informed, who will'd her to Mrs Jones the grand mother to this Deponent which Mrs Jones left her by will to Gafaway Watkins farther to this deponent that her complexion was yellow and her hair strait and black that this deponent Never understood said woman was a portugea nor knew what Country she came from and that Anthony Boston was the son of Violet who was the daughter of Lenah and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn this 20th July before me one of the justices of Ann Arundel County

James Disney.

Elizabeth Rawlings of Lawful age of Ann Arundel County being duly sworn in the dispute above mentioned, deposeth and saith that she knew old Lenah who formerly belonged to Samuel Lockwood upon whose death Mrs Jones the

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Deponents grand mother owned her and after Mrs Jones death she belonged to this deponents father Gafaway Watkins and died his property upwards of forty years ago this deponent never heard that she claimed her freedom. That the complexion was yellow and her hair long and black and tied up it was not woolly like the hair of Negroes she never understood that she received wages from this deponents father and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to this 20th day of July 1789 before the subscriber one of the justices of Anne Arundel County

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Richard Watkins being of Lawful age maketh oath that he knew Leaner who belonged to his grand mother Jones and after her decease belonged to his father and died a slave in his service that she was a dark brown Complexion always claimed as a slave and never to the knowledge or belief of Deponent ever claimed any tile to her freedom This deponents father held one of her children, John Watkins another and Mrs Elizabeth Smith another who all died slaves and never as the Deponent believes claimed freedom. The deponant has heard that Leaner formerly belonged to one Lockwood and that he has heard she came originially from beyond sea. This deponant saith he never heard that Leaners Mother was ever in this Country that he first Knew her fifty years ago and upwards and thinks she was then sixty years of age and very Greyheaded. This deponent never heard of any other woman named Leaner that lived with Lockwood Mrs Jones or his this deponents father he further saith that he has heard that Lenah was a Spaniard but dont recollect to have heard from what Country the ship came in which she was brought to this country that he never heard that Lenah wore a golden cross at any time being asked if at the distribution of his fathers estate any of the representatives objected to take any of the descendants of Lenah from an apprehension that they might one day or other get their freedom, Answers no; that they were fond of taking that family they being more trusty about their business.

Sworn in open court 10th March 1790.

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