same into Consideration and suggests to the Court here that he cannot safely proceed to the Trial of this Cause for the want of material competent and proper Testimony out of this State and prays the Courts Commission to issue to Prince William County in the Commonwealth of Virginia to examine Evidences and that the Depositions returned with the said Commission may be read in Evidence on the Trial of the Issue in this Cause, and it is granted him. Whereupon the aforesaid Robert Thomas and the aforesaid Reverend Henry Pile by their Attornies aforesaid pray the same Commission be directed to John Gibson, Alexander Henderson, Timothy Brundidge, and John Muschett Esquires of Prince William County in the Commonwealth of Virginia or any three or two of them to examine &c. returnable to the Court here with all convenient Speed &c. and the same accordingly Issues. Thereupon further proceſs of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by Consent of the same parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by Order of Court here thereon is continued until the Second Tuesday of October next following.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Ninety three comes again here into the General Court as well the aforesaid Robert Thomas by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Reverend Henry Pile by his Attornies aforesaid. Thereupon further proceſs of and upon the premiſs aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by Consent of the same parties and their Attornies aforesaid and by Order of Court here thereon is further continued until the Second Tuesday of May next following.

At which said Second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Ninety four, comes again here into the General Court as well the aforesaid Robert Thomas by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Reverend Henry Pile by his Attornies aforesaid: Thereupon further proceſs of and upon the premiſs aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by Consent of the same parties and their Attornies aforesaid and by Order of Court here thereon is further continued until the Second Tuesday of October next following.

And now here at this day to wit the said second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety four comes again here into the General Court as well the aforesaid Robert Thomas

Thomas by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Reverend Henry Pile by his Attornies aforesaid: Whereupon the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid file in Court here the following Interrogatories and Depositions to wit.

Robert Thomas
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Henry Pile

Petion for Freedom in the General Court.

Petitioners Interrogatories.

1. Do you know the parties in this Suit and how long have you known them?

2. Do you know Judah, the Mother of the Petitioner and how long have you known her?

3 Do you know Sophia the Grand Mother of the Petitioner and how long have you known her?

4. Did you know Elizabeth commonly called Betty Mingo, the great Grand Mother of the petioner and when, and do you know that the said Betty was the Daughter of a White Woman?

5th Do you know that or have you been informed and by whom that the petitioner or any of his Anceſtors are descended from a white Woman? Relate your knowledge fully and freely.

6. Have you any further knowledge of the subject? if you have relate it fully and freely.

G Duvall for pltff.

Mrs Mary Mc Key aged sixty nine years being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that she was well acquainted with Mr. David Stone of Charles County, and with his Family and Negroes, that she knew Peg many years in poſſeſsion of David Stone, before he sold her to John Semple, that this Deponent used to frequent Mr. David Stone's Family as a Midwife and that she never heard that Peg or any of her Family were entitled to their Freedom, or that they set up any claim to it, until the Butler's were set free. That David Stone was a Man of good Character and a good Master to his Slaves as far as she knew.

Sworn before the Subscriber on the 23d. March 1793.

Henry Barnes

Taken in the presence of us

G Duvall for petr.

Philip B Key for Deft.

The Depoſition of Henrietta Wheeler of Charles County aged about 38 or 39 years taken this 23d day of March 1793 being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, saith that she has known Henry Pile about four or five years, but does not know perſonally Robert Thomas the Petitioner; that she knows John who petitioned against Raphael Boarman and has known him from his Infancy: he is the son of a dark Mulatto Woman named Nancy commonly called Nanny Cooper: that she belonged when the Deponent

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