him faithfully, but she was reported to be a lewd loose Woman.

5th Was Mary Curtis a Woman of General good or bad moral Character conduct in life, veracity & Integrity, or was she a lewd Woman who connected herself with Negroes and Slaves?

Ans.r Mary Curtis was a Woman of General bad moral Conduct in life & connected herself with Negroes and Slaves.

6th Where was Mrs Pile the Mother of the Defendant born, where did she live, at what time did she die and what was her Age?

* Ans.r Mrs Pile lived and died where the Defendant now lives.

7th Where did Mary Curtis reside? did she ever reside in Durham parish in Charles County, or was she acquainted with the Stone family of Durham Parish or their Neighbours?

Ans.r Mary Curtis lived with a certain James Swann of St Mary's County she never lived in Durham Parish in Charles County as I know of or ever heard.

8th Did Mrs Pile ever live in, or was she acquainted with the people of Durham parish in Charles County? did she know David Stone or his Father Thomas Stone or their Neighbours.

Ans.r Not as I know of. W Swann.

Charles County ft. Sept.r 30th 1794.

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County William Swann, and on Oath gave the several Answers to the within Interrogatories thereto annexed.

Walter Dyson

Charles County ft. Sept.r 30th 1794. I do hereby certify that both the petitioner and Defendant were present when the within Interrogatories were put and the Answers made thereto, and that the same was done between the hours of Nine and five O'Clock agreeably to Mr. Pile's Notice to the petitioner. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand. Walter Dyson

Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile — Petition for Freedom in the General Court. Petitioner's Interrogatories to William Swann (on Oath) aged sixty years vert. signed G. Duvall for petitioners.

1st Do you know the parties to this Suit and how long have you known them?

Answer. I know Robert one of the parties to this Suit and have known him for these four or five years past.

2nd Do you know the Mother of the petitioner and how

how long have you known her?

Answer. I know the Mother of the petitioner whose name is Judah and have known her about ten or twelve months.

3d Do you know the Grandmother of the petitioner and how long did you know her?

Answer. I have never known her until within these few days past.

4th Did you know Betty Mingo a Mulatto Woman who formerly lived with Mrs Pile Mother of the Defendant if yea, when & how long did you know her; and did you know, or have you heard, and from whom that Betty Mingo was descended from a white Woman or a free Woman? relate your knowledge fully and freely.

Answer. I never knew Betty Mingo, but I have heard from Mary Curtis when she lived with my Father in the Capacity of a white Servant, that said Betty Mingo was the Daughter of a white woman. W. Swan.

Charles County ft. October 15th 1794 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County William Swann, and on Oath gave the several answers annexed to the above Interrogatories. Walter Dyson.

Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile — Petition for Freedom in the General Court. Petitioner's Interrogatories.

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

* 2. Do you know the Mother of the petitioner and how long have you known her?

3. Do you know the Grand Mother of the petitioner and how long did you know her?

4 Did you know Betty Mingo and do you know or have you heard and from whom and when that Betty Mingo was descended from a white Woman or a free Woman. Relate your knowledge fully & freely.

Copy. G Duvall for Compt.s

Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile — Petition for Freedom in the General Court. Defendants Interrogatories

1. Did you know Peg a black Woman belonging to David Stone, and if yea, was she held in Slavery and by whom?

2. Where have you lived how far from Pointon Manor?