any Indian Girl living on Wye Island on which Island the said Sloyd lived. And she this Deponent saith that she never knew nor ever heard of any Negroes living on said Wye Island that were descended from a free Indian Woman. That this Deponents Mother died soon after she came into this Country and believes she never was on the said Island. That this Deponent was only once at the house of said Philemon Sloyd on said Wye Island when she was a Girl. That this Deponent does not know that her Mother ever practised Midwifery & believes she did not. This Deponents Mother died when she this Deponent was abt seven or eight years of Age & that she this Deponent never did practise Midwifery on said Island or any where else. This Deponent saith that as well as she can recollect her Mother died abt one year after she came into this Country and before her death she lived with Esquire Bennett at Bennett's Point Queen Ann's County, that this Deponent came to live at said Bennett's Point when about six or seven years of Age and that she lived there & at Wye Town just by until she was upwards of twenty years old. And that she afterwards moved to a place of the said Esquire Bennett's about four miles from said Island where she lived about five years and has all her Life since lived in the Neighbourhood of the said Island and that she always heard and understood that the Negroes on said Wye Island were slaves and never heard that any of them were free. This Deponent saith that she is now about eighty one years of Age and saith that about a year ago a young man came to her, and about a Month after two Women came also and made enquiry about free Indian Moll, who they said formerly lived on Wye Island, this Deponent told the said young Man and the two Women that she knew Nothing respecting the free Indian nor ever heard of any free Indian living on Wye Island. This Deponent saith that the said young Man and the two Women appeared to be Mulattoes and understood ~~that~~ they came from the said Wye Island but their Names and who they belonged to she does not know This Deponent saith that the afsd Mulatto Woman & the young Man offered to pay her money if she would tell them what she knew about the free Indian Girl on Wye Island. This Deponent saith she told them she did not want any of their Money, nor did she see any money and that she this Deponent did not know nor ever heard any thing about the free Indian Girl on Wye Island. And this Deponent further

further saith, Mrs Dulany who was the Daughter of the said Philemon Sloyd was a Girl about 12 or 13 years of Age when this Deponent came first to live at said Bennetts Point and that there was a constant Intercourse between Esquire Bennett's Family and the said Philemon Sloyds Family and further saith not.

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I hereby certify that the above Deposition of Ann Mason was taken and subscribed before Me one of the Justices of the peace for Queen Ann's County this eighth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety three. Arc. Emory.

Mrs Elizabeth Chew being cross examined and interrogated by Wm Paca answereth and saith that Negroe Margaret the Mother ~~of the Mother~~ of the Petitioner came into her Family from Wye Island and she always understood was born there, that she came into the Family some short time before the Birth of her Daughter Mrs Fitzhugh whom she thinks is now about 25 or 26 years of Age: That Mr Chew her Husband had no Negroes from Wye Island during her Marriage with him till after the death of Mrs Dulany his Mother: that after her death he went over to Wye Island and had from thence several Negroes, among whom to the best of her knowledge was the said Margaret. That the said Margaret brought no Children with her, but was pregnant at the time. That when she mentioned to her Husband Mr. Chew what Mrs Hepburn had said about the said Margaret being the Descendant of an Indian Woman, that he answered that if it had been true his Mother must have known of it, and would have given some Information about it, but that he had never heard her mention any thing about Indian Descendants among her Negroes and that he did not believe it; that she never heard Mrs Thomas Sister to Mrs Hepburn say any thing upon the subject That she was often at her house as was Mrs Hepburn also and must have seen the said Margaret in her Family but that she never had made the like Enquiries of Mrs Thomas as she did of Mrs Hepburn. That she had understood from Mrs Hepburn that Mr Saml Chew her Bother & his wife whose Maiden Name was Miss Sloyd visited her Father at the Cove on Herring Bay, and that she had seen them there and that the Families lived in great Harmony in the life time of her Brother Samuel that she does not recollect to have heard Mrs Hepburn say that she ever paid a visit to Wye Island. Mrs Chew further answereth and saith that