In testimony that the aforegoing Transcript of proceedings is truly taken from the Record of Washington County Court, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Publick Seal of my Office this 10th day of May anno Domini 1793.

Elie Williams C.

And as well the aforesaid Gabriel Parks by John Thompson Mason his Attorney as the aforesaid Philip Earhart by his Attornies aforesaid comes into the General Court here. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Defendant permit the Petitioner to go in search of Testimony in Support of his Petition. And the said Gabriel Parks by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following depositions to wit.

Washington County, to wit,

Negro Gabriel Parks vs Philip Earhart — A Petition for Freedom now depending in the General Court for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland.

The Deposition of Moses Chapline taken by Consent of William Good who defends this Petition on the one part and John Thompson Mason Attorney for the Petitioner on the other part to be used as Evidence in the above Petition. The Deponent being first duly sworn before Me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County of Washington aforesaid, deposeth and saith, that the Petitioner is a Native of Maryland, that he was the property of this Depon.ts Sister who intermarried with one Beeson. That in the year 1772 or 1773 he this Deponent sold the Petitioner at the request of the said Beeson his then Master to one Waller and applied the Money for which he was sold under the directions of the said Beeson to his use. That in the year 1772 or 1773 he understood the said Waller removed from Maryland and settled in that tract of Country which was then held by Virginia but claimed by Pennsylvania, and which, since the boundaries between those two Commonwealths have been fixed has been given up to and now is within the Territory of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Moses Chapline

Hagerstown 26th July 1795.

We agree that the above Certificate of Moses Chapline shall be read in Evidence in the above petition without being sworn to, Witness our hands this 26th July 1795

Wm Good
John T. Mason

The Deposition of John Lee of Washington County taken before Me

Me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County to be read as Evidence in a Cause depending in the General Court of the Western Shore of Maryland between Negro Gabriel and Philip Earhard. This Deponent after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with and knows the place on the Youghagania River called Stewards Cropings that the said place called Steward's Cropings was formerly a part of Westmoreland County Pennsylvania and claimed by the State of Virginia as this Deponent understood from the Inhabitants of the said place and Neighbourhood, And this Deponent further says that the said place called Steward's Cropings is now in Fayette County Pensylvania and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of April 1794 before Me

John Barnes

Negro Gabriel Parks vs Philip Earhard — A Petition for Freedom in the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland.

The Deposition of Robert Smith taken in the presence of Mr Arthur Shaaff & John Thompson Mason. The Deponent being first duly sworn, deposeth & saith, That Stewart's Cropings are on the West Side of the Allegany Mountain on the Monongalia river in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that he supposes it is thirty Miles distant or more from any part of the Maryland line. Being asked by Mr Shaaff if he ever heard the Petitioner confess that he ran away from Pennsylvania and came to Mr Wm Good and solicited him to buy him answers, that he did yesterday hear the Petitioner acknowledge that he had done so. And further he saith not. Sworn to before Me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County of Ann Arundel this 29th day of May 1793.

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Anne Arundel County to wit

The Deposition of James Chapline taken by consent to be used in evidence in a Petition for Freedom brought by Negro, Gabriel Parks against Philip Earhart and now depending in the Honorable the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland. This Depon.t, being first duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he hath known the Petitioner many years, that he was the property of a female relation to this Depon.t who intermarried with a certain John Beeson, who nineteen or twenty years ago removed into Virginia, and carried this petitioner with them. That they afterwards to Beason Town in Pennsylvania and lived there until some time in the year 1784. That this

Depon.t