Deponent who was the youngest child of her mother; that her said sister Betty has told her that Molly belonged to Neddy Neale brother of Raphael Neale. Being asked if she ever heard and from whom that Patty Shorter beforementioned was descended from a white woman? answers she did not. Being asked if she ever heard how her Master Raphael Neale got Patty Shorter? answers, she never did. The Deponent further saith that she knows Charles, who petitioned for his Freedom against Henry Diggs, and knows his mother Jerry, and has known Jerry many years; that many years ago Jerry and the Deponent lived close together, the deponent with Basil Brooke, and Jerry belonged to Henry Diggs and lived on the Plantation that did belong to Edward Diggs when he was living. Being asked if she knew the Mother of Jerry? says she has seen her, but was not acquainted with her. Her name she understood was Sal and she belonged to old Robert Brent; and she has heard Charles's Grandfather, Ned Butler call the said Sal, Sal Short. Being asked if she understood, and from whom, that Sal was a descendant of Patty Shorter or Jerry Shorter? answers she has not. — Sworn to 22d Oct. 1793. Before — Bullen. —

Whereupon the said Henry Diggs by his attorney aforesaid, as before, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here further to imparle until the second tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Charles Shorter also. — At which said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Charles Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Diggs by his attorney aforesaid: And the said Henry Diggs by his attorney aforesaid, as before, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here further to imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted; and the same day is given to the said Charles Shorter also. — At which said second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Charles Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Diggs by his attorney aforesaid: Thereupon further process of

and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here is continued until the second tuesday of May next. —

And now at this day to wit, the said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five, comes again into the General Court here, the said Charles Shorter by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Henry Diggs doth not come; whereupon, come into Court here, John Diggs and Francis Diggs by Francis Diggs their attorney, and suggest to the Court here, that since the last continuance of the Petition aforesaid, and before this day, the said Henry Diggs departed this life, and that since the death of the said Henry Diggs administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said Henry Diggs was in due form committed and granted by the Orphans Court of Charles County to them the said John Diggs and Francis Diggs, and which they now produce to the Court here, whereby it sufficiently appears to the Court here, that the said John Diggs and Francis Diggs are administrators of the said Henry Diggs, and thereupon have administration and so forth. And the said John Diggs and Francis Diggs administrators as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, offer themselves ready for trial upon the Petition aforesaid, and the Testimony thereon offered: Thereupon, on motion of the said John Diggs and Francis Diggs administrators as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, it is considered by the Court here that the Petition aforesaid be dismissed, and so forth. —

Test. John Gwinn Clerk.

Basil Shorter against Charles Carroll. } Be it remembered, that heretofore to wit, on the Thirteth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two; Basil Shorter by Gabriel Duvall his attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here, his Petition for Freedom, which is in form following to wit. — To the honorable, the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Basil Shorter humbly sheweth, that he is held in Slavery by Charles Carroll of Washington County, and he is advised, that he is entitled to his Freedom being descended in the female line from a Free white