of his Fathers negroes where he now lives, that his Father died in or about Five or six months after his leaving him, that during his living in the family in his Fathers life and also frequenting it afterwards during the life of Mr. Gaither that he never heard Priss, or any other person say that she was descended from a White woman, nor did he ever hear her claim a right to Freedom, nor any other person say that she had a right to Freedom & that the s. negroe Priss lived and died a Slave with Mr. Gaither after his Fathers death. Taken this 5th day June 1793. – Before, Richd. Harwood Sen.

The Deposition of Philip Brown of Ann arundel County, aged seventy five years & upwards, being first duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, says that he well knew Priss the property of old Mr. Williams, and that the widow afterwards intermarried with Capt. Edwd. Gaither that she had several children which he also knew, Lowrl, Sam, Tom, James, Sarah, Esther, Jenny and Nanny that after he knew her, she always lived and died in the service of Mr. Gaither wife of the above named Edwd. Gaither after his death: being asked if Priss was a white, mulatto or Black person, says that she was a negro, that her Hair or wool was like any other negroes; being asked if he ever heard Priss or any other person say that her mother or Grand mother was a white woman says that he never did, nor did she ever claim her Freedom, nor did he ever hear any person say that she had a right to Freedom nor does he believe that either her mother or Grand mother was a white woman from her Priss's looks. Taken this 5th day June 1793. – – Richd. Harwood Sen. –

The answers of Margaret Cheney, Mary Cheney, Richard Cheney, and Thomas Welch to the following Interrogatories respecting John Bartleys right of Freedom; Margaret Cheney aged 76. years being asked, 1st Do you or do you not know or have you heard and from whom, that negro John, belonging to John Watkins was descended from a Free woman? answered, I know nothing of negro John, or whom he descended from. 2nd Did you ever hear your late Husband Greenberry Cheney or any other person say any thing about negro John, the property of John Watkins, or whom he descended from? answered, I never heard my

Husband or any other person say any thing respecting negro John's Freedom or from whom he descended? A. Mr. Thomas Francis Linthicum came to our house some time in the fall of last year, and made some enquiry of my husband, respecting the Bartley's Freedom, I heard my husband say he knew nothing about it. 3rd Did you know captain Edward Gaither who intermarried with the widow Williams? answered, I knew Captain Edward Gaither, I have seen him at my Father's several times, he was cousin to my mother. 4th Did you ever hear captain Edward Gaither or any other person, say that any of the negroes of the widow Williams, whom he married, were descended from a white woman? answered, No, I heard no talk of it at all. – Mary Cheney, aged 54. years, being asked, 1st Do you or do you not know or have you heard and from whom, that negro John belonging to John Watkins was descended from a Free woman? answered, I do not know, nor have I ever heard, that negro John belonging to John Watkins was descended from a Free woman. 2nd Do you know or have you ever heard any thing of Bet Bartley, and with whom did she live, was she a white, mulatto or negro woman? answered I did not know her, but I heard my Father Greenberry Cheney some time last summer, tell Lucy Whitehead a young woman about sixteen or seventeen years of age, who asked him several questions about Bet Bartley, that he knew Bet Barton, a white woman, and John Barton her husband, a white man, that they lived at Queen Ann in Prince Georges County, I think about fifty or sixty years ago, from what my Father said. – Richard Cheney, aged 34. years, being asked, 1st Do you or do you not know, or have you heard and from whom, that negro John, belonging to John Watkins, was descended from a Free woman? answered, I never heard any thing about negro John, the property of John Watkins, being descended from a Free woman. Mr. Thomas Francis Linthicum came to my Father's house, some time last fall, and as I understood from my Father, to make enquiry respecting his knowledge of the Bartley's or Barton's right to Freedom. I heard my Father say, he had heard of such people as the Bartleys or Bartons, but that he knew nothing of their right to Freedom. Thomas Welch, aged 72. years, being asked, 1st Do you or do