Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by order of the court here is further continued until the second tuesday of October next the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, come again into the General Court here as well the said Hannah Hawkins for herself and her six Children aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Sarah Disney by her attorney aforesaid Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here is further continued until the second Tuesday of May next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday of May, being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five; Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by order of the Court here is further continued until the second Tuesday of October next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and so forth.

And now at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five come again into the General Court here as well the said Hannah Hawkins for herself and her six children aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Sarah Disney by her attorney aforesaid; And the said Hannah Hawkins for herself and her six children aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid files in Court here the several Depositions in form following to wit.

Richard Disney of Anne Arundel County of the age of seventy seven years being sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God, deposeth and says, That he remembers the Petitioner Hanah was a little Girl and bought out of a Vessel as he always understood and heard by his Nephew William

William Disney, now dead who was the husband of Sarah Disney the defendant, This deponent has often heard and always understood that the said Hanah was bought as a slave, as other negroes usually are, and this deponent never heard untill about the time of the present Petition or a little before any thing to the Contrary. This deponent knows that his Nephew Wm. Disney always claimed and possessed the said Hanah as a slave, and that after the death of said William his wife Sarah claimed and possessed Hanah and her Children as slaves, and gave them as slaves to her children. This deponent has understood that Mrs Sarah Disney changed her religion and became a Methodist two or three years ago, and since that time this Deponent has heard of a claim of said Hannah to be free but this deponent in the course of a very intimate acquaintance with the family of his Nephew William for forty years, never heard of any claim of the said Hanah to her freedom before Mrs Sarah Disney changed her Religion. Sworn to this 19th day of Octo. 1793. Before me, James Maccubin.

Hannah Hawkins against Sarah Disney

Joshua Barry, in the 20th year of his age being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that about two months ago he was at the plantation where Mrs Disney the defendant lives, and in conversation with her she told him that when the petitioner was small and was offered for sale at the Inspection house point, one Daniel Brooke went down to the Vessel and asked the old woman (who was the petitioners Mother) if she and her children were to be sold, and she answered no she was not to be sold, as Brooke told her, he then returned to William Disneys (the defendents husband) and William Disney asked him where his two little negroes were; he answered he was not going to buy free negroes, and said she (Hannah's mother) and her children were as free as he was That a few days afterwards William Disney went down and bought the Children, the old woman was gone; William Disney brought them home, and in two days afterwards Joseph Howard came over and asked William Disney why he bought those two negroes and said they were free, and as the new England Vessels were going backwards and forwards they would be known and taken away; William Disney answered, May be not, they will soon grow