since she was born; that they were both born in the family of Henry Neale deceased who was son of Roswell Neale; the said Priscilla Shorter is daughter of Appy Shorter now deceased the deponent knew Appy well, she belonged to the said Henry Neale, that Appy has been dead about nineteen years; that she had Eleven children to wit, Henny Joshua, Anthony Jenny Shadrach, George, Nelly, Peter, Prissy and Lucy and Gerard; that Henny, Joshua, Jenny, Shadrach, George Nelly and Gerard are dead; that Lucy belongs to Henry Neale of St. Marys County son of Henry Neale deceased beforementioned, and has petitioned against him; That the deponent knew Jenny Shorter very well, and Appy was always reputed the daughter of Jenny Shorter and they always claimed one another as mother and daughter and she never heard it contradicted. Sworn 27 Octr. 1795. before

J. Bullen.

Leonard Shorter against Richard Edelen | Priscilla Shorter aged between forty and fifty years being sworn on the holy evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that the Petitioner Leonard Shorter, now present is the son of the deponent and her master John Smith sold him to Philip Ford four or five years ago, and Philip Ford gave him to the defendant who married his daughter. That Baptist Shorter who petitioned against John Smith is also son of this deponent, and is older than Leonard and is now about twenty four years of age. Sworn to this 30th day of October 1795; Before J. Bullen

Teresa Shorter against Joseph Boarman | Jenny Shorter aged sixty two years and upwards being sworn on the holy evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she knew Terry Shorter who petitioned against Joseph Boarman; she was daughter as the deponent always understood of Lucy Shorter who belonged to William Neale near port Tobacco, and afterwards to the widow of said Neale, which Lucy was Sister of Henny who petitioned against Henry Baines and of Basil who petitioned against Charles Carroll; that she knows Robert Shorter commonly called Bob Ruffeton, who was always reputed to be the brother of the said Lucy, Henny and Basil. The deponent also saith that Anne Shorter who petitioned against

against Raphael Boarman is daughter of this deponent and was sold and sent to the Havanna as she has been informed; that the said Anne was sent away by Raphael Boarman sometime after she had petitioned; being ashed if Raphael Boarman knew that she had petitioned, answers she thinks he did; he was in the house when the deponent heard Benjamin Wakefield read the order of Court about her petitioning; that she was to be used well and the like, and she was sent away some months afterwards; that it was at the house of the within of Raphael Boarman when the deponent heard the order of Court read, and from said house she was sent. That Nell Shorter who petitioned against William Chandler Brent is daughter of this deponent, and the deponent knew said Nell ever since she was a child. That Phillis who petitioned against said Mary Boarman is daughter of said Phillis. That Tom who petitioned against Richard Jordan this deponent has known ever since he was about two years old; he is the son of Betty who was sister on the mothers and fathers side of this deponent. That Glem who petitioned against Raphael Neale is a full brother of said Tom. Sworn to this 16th day of May 1796 before

J. Bullen

Whereupon all and singular the premises between the parties aforesaid by the Court here being seen, heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had, for that it appears to the Court here that the said James Shorter, the petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to his freedom being descended, in the female line, from a free white woman as he by his petition to the Court here has alledged; Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Shorter the petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the service of the aforesaid Eleanor Bradford and that he the said James Shorter the petitioner aforesaid go thereof without day &c. It is further considered by the Court here that the said James Shorter the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Eleanor Bradford the quantity of six hundred and fifty nine pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him the said James Shorter on his absent adjudged for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his petition aforesaid laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his Execution, &c.

Test John Gwinn Clk.

Leonard Shorter against Richard Edelen | Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the Twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two; Leonard Shorter