taken in this case on ten days notice to the petitioner or defendants Counsell before a Justice of the peace shall be received and read in evidence in all the cases of Petitioning negroes under the name of Shorter, claiming their Freedom as descendants of a certain Elizabeth Shorter or her female Ancestors, on the General Question touching the right of Elizabeth Shorter or her female Ancestors to Freedom under the Laws of this Country, 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 fourteenth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into the General Court here as well the said Priscilla Shorter for herself and her Daughter Charity by her attorney aforesaid, as the said John Smith by his 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 October next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then and so forth.

At which said second tuesday of October being the Eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three come again into the General Court here as well the said Priscilla Shorter for herself and her daughter Charity by her attorney aforesaid, as the said John Smith by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here is further continued untill 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 thirteenth day of the same 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 Priscilla Shorter for herself and her Daughter Charity by her attorney aforesaid, as the said John Smith by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by order

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 same 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 Priscilla Shorter for herself and her daughter Charity by her attorney aforesaid as the said John Smith by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here is further continued untill the second Tuesday of May next; the same day is given to the said parties 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, come again into the General Court here as well the said Priscilla Shorter for herself and her Daughter Charity by her attorney aforesaid, as the said John Smith by his attorney aforsaid; 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 said parties then and so forth.

And now at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same 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 Priscilla Shorter for herself and her Daughter Charity, by her attorney aforesaid as the said John Smith by his attorney aforsaid, And the said Priscilla Shorter for herself and her Daughter of Charity, by her attorney aforesaid files in Court here sundry Depositions which are in form following to wit.

Teresa Shorter
against
Joseph Boarman

The deposition of Terry Shorter aged fifty eight years being sworn on the holy evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she knows Teresa Shorter who petitioned against Joseph Boarman and has known her eighteen or nineteen years that she is Sister of Charity Shorter who obtained her freedom against Ignatius Matthews, and also a sister of Basil Shorter who petitioned against Charles Carroll and obtained his freedom. That Robert Shorter who petitioned against Mary Neale now Mary Simms by Intermariage with Robert Simms, is also a brother of Basil who petitioned Against Charles Carroll being the son of Lucy Shorter who formerly belonged to William Neale near Port Tobacco. That Jim Shorter who petitioned against Mrs Bradford is also