and the said Lott Mason by Philip Barton Key his attorney Volantarily appears in Court here and defends the force and injury when and wherefore and prays leave of the court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next; and to him it is granted: the same day is given to the Petitioner also.

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, to which said day the said Lott Mason had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here, as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attorneys; and the said Lott Mason by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and wherefore and prays leave of the court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of may next; and to him it is granted: the same day is given to the petitioner also.

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, to which said day the said Lott Mason had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attorneys; and the said Lott Mason by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and wherefore, and prays leave of the court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next; and to him it is granted: the same day is given to the petitioner also.

At which 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, to which said day the said Lott Mason had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their said attorneys; and the said Lott Mason by his said attorney as before defends the force and injury when and wherefore and prays further leave of the court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of May next; and to him it is granted: the same day is given to the petitioner also.

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety six, to which said day the said Lott Mason had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the petitioner as the Defendant by their attorneys; and the said Gustavus Thomas by Jonathan D Wilson his attorney filed in Court here the following Deposition, to wit:

Robert Tuson of Charles County aged fifty one years being sworn on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he

(knows)

knows Gusta, who has petitioned against Thomas Stones Executors & has known him ever since he was born; he is son of Monica, now deceased, & the Deponent & Monica were children together & he knew her ever since he was a small boy; she was Daughter of Peg called simples Peg, whom the deponent knew ever since he was a small boy being born at the plantation where she lived; and peg was the reputed Daughter of Betty Mingo who belonged to the Widow Pye. That Charles Thomas who petitioned against Alexander Scott is brother of Gusta above mentioned, & son of monica aforesaid; that he knew Charles ever since he was a child. That George Thomas who petitioned against Sarah Stone the Deponent has known ever since he was a child, he is the son of Betty who was Daughter of Peg called simples Peg aforesaid; that he knew the aforesaid Betty ever since he was a small boy, and she was always reputed to be the Daughter of the aforesaid Peg. That the aforesaid Peg called simples Peg had another Daughter named Peg to whom the Deponent knew ever since she was a child, & she had a son named Lawson whom the deponent knew when he was a child, & he must if living be now between twenty & thirty years of age, but whether he is the same who petitioned against William Campbell the deponent cannot say as he has not seen him for about twenty years past. That Lucy Thomas who petitioned against David Stone is sister of George who petitioned against Sarah Stone aforesaid, being the Daughter of Betty who was Daughter of simples Peg aforesaid. That Sarah who petitioned against said David Stone is also sister of the aforesaid George, & is daughter of Betty who was daughter of simples Peg aforesaid. That Tom who petitioned against Ann Stone is son of the aforesaid Sarah who petitioned against David Stone. That Gustavus Thomas who petitioned against Lott Mason, the deponent knew well, he is the son of Jenny who is daughter of Clare who was Daughter of simples Peg aforesaid, all of whom the Deponent knew very well.

Sworn to this 30th day of October 1795 before John Randall.

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 Gustavus Thomas the petitioner aforesaid is entitled to his freedom as he by his petition to the court here hath alledged. Therefore it is considered by the court here that the said Gustavus Thomas the petitioner aforesaid be free and discharged of and from the service of the said Lott Mason and that he the said Gustavus Thomas the petitioner aforesaid go thereof without day and so forth.

It is further considered by the court here that the said Gustavus Thomas recover against the said Lott Mason the quantity of six hundred and twenty three pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his agreement adjudged for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his Petition laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his execution and so forth.

Test. John Gwinn Clk