said Peter Shorter is not the proper slave of him the said Henry Roger and that he is descended in the female line from a free white woman named Elizabeth Shorter as the said Peter Shorter by his replication hath alledged.

Therefore it is considered by the court here that the said Peter Shorter is entitled to his freedom and that therefore he be free, liberated and discharged from the custody and possession of the said Henry Roger. It is also considered that the said Peter Shorter do recover against the said Henry Roger the quantity of three thousand two hundred and fifty five pounds of Tobacco to the said Peter Shorter by the court here with his assent adjudged for his cost and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said Henry Roger in mercy &c.

And be it remembered that the following papers and Depositions were filed and read in evidence at the trial of this cause to wit.

General Court — October Term 1794.

Basil Shorter } among others the following papers and Depositions were
Henry Roger } read in evidence at the trial of this cause to wit.

At the request of Mr. Anthony Neale the following Certificate and Deposition were recorded.

Maryland St. Marys county These are to certify that in ye year one thousand six hundred and Eighty one or near about that time Nicholas Gulick Priest, the subscriber hereof did Joyne together in the Holy Estate of Matrimony according to their Law a negro man named (to the best of my remembrance) Little Robbin to a white woman whose name was Elizabeth Shorter, which Couple all that time were both servants unto Mr. William Roswell deceased, and was after as I am informed disposed of by the said Roswell unto Mr Anthony Neale of Charles county Certified under my hand this 15th day of June Anno 1702.

Nicholas Gealick

Memorandum. the day and year above came before me Mr Gealick and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist that ye above Affidavit is the whole truth and nothing but the truth

Sworn coram me Joshua Guibert.

Maryland St. St. Marys county Ema Roswell widow aged Twenty years or thereabouts being sworne upon the holy Evangelist declareth upon her Oath that she the said Deponent was present at the Marriage of the above said Couple and that the Ceremony was performed by the above said Mr. Nicholas Gulick priest and that the negro mans name was little Robbin and the white womans name Elizabeth Shorter and that they were

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at the time of their being married both servants unto this deponents husband William Roswell dec.d and by him given and made over and delivered up unto Anthony Neale upon Marriage of the said Neale with Elizabeth the Daughter of S.d Roswell & have remained in ye said Neales service ever since & ye after the marriage of the said negro man and white woman ye S.d white woman had three Mulatto Girl children named Mary, Jane & Martha who are now living to the best of this Deponents knowledge. this 15th day of June Anno 1702.

Sworn coram me Joshua Guibert.

Maryland St. Marys County Ss. (King & Queen Parish) June 6th 1702.

Then recorded upon the book of the above said Parish the two within affidavits one of Mr. Nicholas Gerlick Preist the other of Mrs Ema Roswell this being a true Copy as now given under my hand the day and date above. Test me Mr. Harrett Clk Vestry

Entered on the records of Charles County June ye 25th 1703.

Maryland Charles county to wit.

In Testimony that the aforegoing certificates and Deposition are truly copied from Liber W. No 1 folio 225 & 226 one of the Land records of Charles county.

(Seal) I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the seal of my office this 15th day of August 1791.

John B Turner Clk of Charles County Court.

State of Maryland Charles County to wit. I hereby certify that I have made an accurate search for the original certificate and affidavits of Nicholas Gerlick and Ema Roswell respecting the marriage of a negro man by the name of Little Robin to a white woman named Elizabeth Shorter and that the same are not to be found among the papers remaining in the clerks office for the county aforesaid.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the (Seal) Seal of my office this 21st day of October anno Domini 1794.

Jno B Turner Clk of Charles County

An Inventory of the goods and chattels of Mr. Anthony Neale late of Charles County dec.d appraised as follows viz.

1 old negro man called Harry at	10 " "
1 old ditto — called Frank	20 " "
1 lusty negro man called andrew	32 " "
1 Ditto called Grey	32 " "
1 Ditto called Tom	30 " "
1 Ditto called Jeffery	30 " "
1 Ditto call'd Robin	30 " "
1 Mulatto woman called Mary	28 " "
1 negro D.o — called cherry	25 " "
1 D.o — Nell	25 " "

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