name and with whom did you understand she lived: 13th did you know Mr. Neale Widow of William Neale near Portobacco if yea did you ever hear her say any thing of the shaters, and which of them and did she say they were discended from a white woman and what was her name and with whom did she live: 14th Do you know or have you heard and from whom that the negroes or Mulattoes who called them shaters or any of them are discended from a white woman and what was her name: 15th were you ever present when persons were sworn concerning the right of the shaters to freedom if yea on what occasion was it, what were their names, what did they depose and were they people of Credit: 16th Have you any further knowledge concerning the right of the petitioner or any of his family to freedom: if yea relate it fully and truly.

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J K Gantt } for petitioner

Charles Shorter } Prince Georges County Petition for freedom
vs
Notley Young Esq. } The Depositions of sundry persons sworn and examined on the annexed Interrogatories in Charles County by virtue of a rule of court for the purpose made in this cause on the part and behalf of the petitioner.

3/ The Deposition of Mr. John Lancaster Senr. of Charles County aged about Sixty years being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith as follows towit.

Imprimis To the first Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows not the plaintiff nor the Defendant except he has seen Mr. Young. Item to the second Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing. Item To the third Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing.

I do hereby certify that the above Deposition was taken before me Henry Barnes one of the Justices of the peace for Charles County on the 21st of August 1792 at the House of Thomas Crachley in Port Tobacco in the presence of Baden Edwards Esq. on behalf of John K Gantt atty for the petitioner & Philip B Key Esq. atty for the Defendant

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4/ The Deposition of the Revd. Leonard Neale of Charles County aged about forty five years being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith as follows towit Imprimis To the first Interrogatory this Deponent saith that I know the Defendant and have know him for about four or five years, as for the petitioner I know nothing of him - Item To the second Interrogatory this Deponent saith that I know nothing of the petitioners mother. Item to

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the third Interrogatory this Deponent saith that I never knew the petitioners Grandmother.

I do hereby certify that the aforegoing deposition was taken before me Henry Barnes one of the Justices of the peace for Charles County on the 21st day of August 1792 at the House of Thomas Crachley in Port Tobacco in the presence of Baden Edwards on behalf of John K Gantt atty for the petitioner and Philip B Key Esq. atty for the defendant.

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Basil Shorter } Prince George's County Court
vs
Henry Rozer } Petition for freedom
The Depositions of sundry persons sworn and examined on the annexed Interrogatories in Charles County by virtue of a rule of court for that purpose made in this cause on the part and behalf of the petitioner.

5/ The Deposition of John Lancaster Senr. of Charles County aged about Sixty years, being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith as follows towit.

Imprimis To the first Interrogatory this deponent saith that he doth not know the plaintiff but that he hath known the Defendant Henry Rozer forty odd years.

Item To the second Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he doth not know any thing - Item to the third Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing. Item To the 4 Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing - Item to the 5th Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he never heard of her. Item To the 6th Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he has heard from Mr. Ralph Neale of St Marys County that there was a record of such Marriage. Item to the 7th Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing. Item to the Eighth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing. Item to the ninth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing - Item to the tenth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing. Item to the eleventh Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he he heard of Jane of the name living with Mr Anthony or James Neale he is not certain which. Item to the twelfth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he never heard her say any thing about it. Item to the thirteenth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows nothing. Item To the fourteenth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he never was present & know any thing about it. Item to the fifteenth Interrogatory this Deponent saith

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