Roswell Neale and acted for herself after the death of the said Roswell Neale she lived on his sons Ralph Neale's Land and there supported herself, before his death as well as I can number about forty three years ago. This Deponent further answeth to the fifth question and sayeth that I knew Jane that was a mulatto woman but do not know whether descended from a white or a free woman that I knew she had the following children viz. Edward, Charly, Lydia, Abby Bridgit and Lucy I further knew two Grand children of the aforesaid Jane by the name of William and Jenny who lived in the family of the Neals: To the sixth and seventh questions of the Petitioner hath no knowledge of; also he further sayeth that he hath no knowledge of the question proposed by Philip Key Esq. for the Defendant. Given under my hand and seal as above dated

Walt. Muse (Seal)

George Shorter against Henry Neale } Pet. for Freedom in the General Court

The Deposition of Elizabeth Dailey of St. Mary's County being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God saith that she knows the petitioner George Shorter who is now present and she knew the Defendant Henry Neale and knew his father; that she also knew Abby (the mother of the said George) who has been dead many years. she did belong to Henry Neale father of the Deponent: that she also knew Jenny Shorter the mother of Abby aforesaid; the said Jenny was a small mulatto woman and belonged to Roswell Neale, when this deponent first knew her, and she afterwards belonged to his son Raphael Neale and she thinks she died at Raphael Neals That this Deponent knew her the said Jenny Shorter from the time she the Deponent was about nine or ten years old and she was commonly called Jenny Shorter. and this deponent knew and will remember a white woman named Elizabeth Shorter who lived with the aforesaid Roswell Neale in St Marys County near St Clements Bay which said Elizabeth Shorter was an old woman when this Deponent was a Girl, that she has seen the said Elizabeth Shorter who she understood was an English woman from people whom she has heard talk about her and she has heard many people talk about her and she further saith that the aforesaid Jenny Shorter was commonly reputed to be the daughter of the aforesaid Elizabeth Shorter and she never in her life heard it contradicted and she has understood that the said Elizabeth Shorter was held as a slave on account of her having children by a negro slave. being asked if she ever heard that the said Elizabeth Shorter was married to a negro slave answers she never did being asked if she knew any of the children of the said Elizabeth Shorter, besides Jenny Shorter. answers she did not but that she knew a son of Jenny Shorter named Ned a Brother

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to Abby: and Jenny had another Daughter but this deponent has forgot her name, she further saith that the aforesaid Jenny Shorter waited on the Deponents Brother Ephraim Pilliew when he was on his death bed. and she thinks she has been dead upwards of twenty years. The Deponent being asked how old she is answers she does not know. That her Father and mother died when she was young but she does not know. but one or two white persons in St Mary's County as old as herself, that old George Bullock of St Marys County is a little more than two years older than herself; and she has always understood that his Brother James Bullock & the Deponent were born in the same month; that she knew them both very well and they were all children together; she further saith that the said Jenny Shorter kept and managed a mill called Tomacchin Mill for said Neale near St Clements Bay. Being asked if she knew any other of the children or Descendants of Jenny Shorter answers she does not. being asked if Elizabeth Shorter lived and died as a servant or slave, answers she has heard people say she died before her time of servitude was out. The Deponent says she is a pauper and lives in the poor house of St Marys County. This Deponent knew Roswell Neale and one of his Daughters was married to Mr Gibson of St Mary's and another to a Mr Wheeler. This Deponent knew Roswell Neals sons who were James, Bennet, and Henry and she remembers no more of them.

Sworn to this 10th day of October 1790. before John Randall.

George Shorter vs Henry Neale } Petition for freedom in the General Court.

Raphael Boarman of Charles County aged about forty seven years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God deposeth and saith as follows; being asked if he is interested in this Cause answers that he was left joint executor, with his brother John Hoskins Boarman of his mothers estate, that by her will she left a negro Girl named Nanny the reputed Daughter of Jenny Shorter (who has petitioned against Eleanor Bradford) to the Daughter of the Deponent named Anna Wharton Boarman an infant that the Deponent declined acting as one of the executors; that nevertheless a petition was filed in the General Court against him in the name of Nanny Shorter but this deponent does not claim any right or title to the said Nanny which said Nanny was parted with & delivered before any Summons was served on him the Deponent - That he does not know George Shorter who has petitioned against Henry Neale but knows the Defendant and has known him upwards of twenty years, That he does not know the mother of George, nor Grand mother, nor did he ever know Jenny Shorter who formerly belonged to Roswell Neale That he knows Jenny Shorter who has petitioned against Eleanor Bradford ever since he knew himself, which said Jenny is now present; and he has known Jenny now present who has petitioned against Mrs Eleanor a great many years -

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