before her marriage: and she went to live with the said Brooke and lived with him one year in Calvert County and he afterwards moved to St Marys County and lived not far from Roswell Neale; Being asked if she knew any of Jenny's children, answers she knew but one and her name was Lucy who was older than the Deponent, and the said Lucy afterwards belonged to William Neale (Son of the aforesaid Roswell Neale; and the said Lucy had several children which the Deponent knew Viz: Bob, Basil, Jem Henny, Mary, Anne & Charity; and the Deponent has heard she had a Daughter (married child, but she never saw her that she knows of; that Bob has petitioned for his freedom; and Basil also has petitioned and against Charles Carroll, Jem belongs to Mr Bradford; that Henny belongs she has understood to Mr Barnes at Port Tobacco that she does not know to whom Mary, Anne, and Charity belong - Being asked if she knew any other sister of Patty Shorter answers she did not but has heard her sister Betty who was born in Raphael Neale's family say Patty had another sister named Molly; that Betty the Deponent's sister was many years older than the Deponent, and was her mother's first child as he has understood and there were six a seven children between Betty and the deponent who was the youngest child of her mother; that her said sister Betty hadtold her that Molly belonged to Neddy Neale, Brother of Raphael Neale; Being asked if she ever heard and from whom that Patty Shorter before mentioned was descended from a white woman answers she did not. Being asked if she ever heard how her Master Raphael Neale got Patty Shorter answers she never did. The Deponent further saith that she knows Charles who petitioned for his freedom against Henry Digges and knows his mother Jenny, and has known Jenny many years, that many years ago Jenny and the Deponent lived close together the Deponent with Basil Brooke and Jenny belonged to Henry Digges and lived on the plantation that did belong to Edward Digges when he was living. Being asked if she knew the mother of Jenny says she has seen her but was not acquainted with her. Her name she understood was Sall, and she belonged to old Robert Brent, and she has heard Charles Grand father Ned Butler call the said Sal, Sal Shorter. Being asked if she understood and from whom that Sal was a Descendant of Patty Shorter a Jenny Shorter answers, she has not.

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George Shorter against Henry Neale } Nehemiah Herbert Blackstone of Saint (Marys!

Marys County, aged about forty four years deposeth and saith he is well acquainted with Elizabeth Brown who he understands is since called by the name of Elizabeth Daily and that she has always understood that she was deserving of little credit, and infamous so far as respected her veracity and truth and he further deposeth that the said Elizabeth Brown some years ago was generally considered as a Lunatick and he has understood that she has been confined as being a mad woman He saith that he hath known her for about thirty years, but she has been seen a eight years out of his neighbourhood. Being asked if he was ever present when she was sworn answered he was not. that she is generally believed not to speak the truth that people would not believe any thing she said unless they knew otherwise it was true. He further saith that the said Elizabeth Brown lived on a plantation of his for two a three years and that he was well acquainted with her during that time and that he had a fair opportunity of knowing her character. Being asked if he is acquainted with William Gibson of Saint Mary's county answers that he is and that the said William Gibson has always been esteemed a man of fair character and deserving of credit, and that he never heard the veracity of the said William Gibson impeached. He further saith that he has always understood in his neighbourhood that the said Elizabeth Brown was married before her mother died.

Allen Dagan

admitted to be read in evidence. G Duvall for Pet.
W Dorsey for Dft.

Basil Shorter } Petn in Prince Georges County Court for Freedom.
Henry Rozer } William Hill of Prince Georges County aged fifty eight years & upwards being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he knows Basil the petitioner and he knew Linda the mother of Basil ever since he was five a six years old; that the Deponent served his apprenticeship with Richard M'Henry a Bricklayer, and the year after he was out of his apprenticeship which was when he was twenty one years of age he was at work at the house of the Defendant and the said Linda was then living there as was also Mary the reputed mother of Linda; which Mary this Deponent always understood the Defendant got his marriage with his wife the Daughter of Mr Neale; being asked what was the Christian name of the said Neale answers Edward. and the Deponent says he has often heard John Parnham of Charles County now deceased to whom the deponent was a Boy and waited on him say that Mary aforesaid the mother of Linda had as much right to her freedom

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