by the name of Moll who belonged to Mr. Roger That he knew a Mulatto woman who belonged to his father Roswell Neale of St. Marys County called Jenny Short who was a very short woman. Being asked if he knew the mother of Jenny short: answers he did not: that Jenny was between fifty & sixty years of age when this Deponent first knew her according to the best of his recollection & memory as early as he can remember she was past labour and used to go about doctoring for the flux; and used to raise poultry & take care of negro children. Being asked if he ever heard any conversation from his father or any other person respecting the mother of Jenny Short: answers he never did. Being asked if he ever heard from his father or any other person that Jenny was descended from a White woman: answers he never did. Being asked if he ever heard that there was a White woman in the family of Anthony Neale who had Mulatto children answers he never did. He knows a White woman by the name of Mary Ennis who had a Daughter named Eleanor who is now living and who is about as old as this Deponent. and who lived with his father that he understood that Mary Ennis had Mulatto children who are all free; and he never heard of any other white woman in the Neale family who had Mulatto children. Being asked if he knew Patty a sister of Jenny who belonged to Mr. Lancaster: answers he did not understand and never heard of such a person. Being asked if he knew that Jenny had children and how many: answers he believes he knew all she had; he knows six who were reputed to be her children that is to say Lucy, Aggy & Betty & three sons Ned, Jem & Charles. Betty was the youngest; that he gave Lucy to this deponents Brother William Neale father of Leonard Neale the priest who lived on the hill above Port Tobacco Town; Aggy he gave to Another Brother, Henry Neale; and Betty was sold to James Mills of St Marys County. whether before or after his Father's death he knows not, that he has seen some of Lucy's children, but does not recollect all their names; he thinks she had one named Bob and another Nick. but cannot be positive that he has known a good many of Aggy's children; but dont remember them all particularly She had a son named George who he believes is the person petitioning against Henry Neale a son of the Deponents Brother Henry. This Deponent knows a woman in the poor house of St Marys County at this time called Betty Daly! that she lived in the neighbourhood of this Deponents father; that the said; that the said Betty as he was informed was twice married in the lifetime of his Father, her first Husband it was said ran away and she married a second time and this Deponent was present at the Marriage that said Daly lived

(about)

about three quarters of a mile from the House of this Deponents Father.

Sworn before Sam. Hepburn
April 8 1794.

George Shorter
" } Petition for Freedom in the General Court.
Henry Neale } Vide Page 3 for Interrogatories

Mary Bradburn of St Marys county aged nearly 50 years being sworn on the annexed Interrogatories on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith as follows.

To the 1st That she does not know George Shorter, but has known Henry Neale ever since he was a boy.

2d Sheew knew Aggy at all.

3d I knew Jane Short & Jane Shorter she was a tolerably bright mulatto though not very bright, her hair was like all other Mulattoes I believe I can not tell how long she has been dead.

4th I do not know how Roswell Neale came by her nor have I ever heard he had possession of Jane Shorter before my remembrance I think.

5 Roswell Neale had only four Brothers, Bennet, Ralph Henry & Jeremiah that I ever knew or heard of.

6 I never understood who was the father of Roswell Neale nor did I ever hear his name.

7 I do not know and never heard that Jane Shorter was descended from a free a White woman.

8 I dont know & never heard how many children Jane Shorter mother had.

9 I never knew & heard of Jane Shorter having more than one child Billy, who lived and died with Ralph Neale.

10 I never knew or heard of Patty Shorter nor any thing about her.

11 I never knew or heard of Henry Roger.

12. I never knew & heard of Moll Shorter.

13. I have heard my mother say that a woman named Shorter was a free white woman, but never heard her say with whom she lived & that she was the mother of Jane Shorter nor do I know I did ever hear that any who stile themselves Shorts & Shorter, were descended from her.

14 I never knew nor did I ever hear any thing about Liz. Shorter or Eliz. Short.

Sworn to this 22d day of May 1794 before the subscriber one of the justices of St Marys County.

Jno. Smith

George Bullock of St Marys county aged about 72 years being sworn on the annexed Interrogatories on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith as follows.

(To the 1st)