who also being sworn in open Court on the holy Evangels respecting the Subject of the above Petition deposeth and saith he was present at the Execution of a Deed by John Elliot deceased for the Manumission of all his Negroes which deed he believes was executed on the twenty third day of October last. John Elliott's State of health at that time appeared to be very desperate. He was then confined to his Bed and unable to move about without help or to leave his bed. John Elliot lived afterwards untile the 8th day of the November following. This Deponent saw the said John Elliot frequently after the Execution of the Deed some times twice a day, sometimes every day & sometimes every other day, he supposes at least 8 or 10 different times before his Death, and his State of health appeared to this Deponent, to be worse and worse every time he saw him, and the said John Elliot himself told this Deponent frequently in answer to his inquiries about his health, that he was no better. Elliott complained of a Bad Cough & Spitting & an inflamation in his throat and Breast. It was thought the inflamation killed him and it mortified. his throat was sore & frequently washed. This Deponent lived within about three quartors of a mile of the said John Elliot at the time of the Execution of the Deed & untile his Death. He believes from what he saw that John Elliot from the time of the Execution of the Deed, to the time of his Death, never left his bed, but for the purpose of having it made up, and then not without assistance. — On Cross examination this Deponent saith, he hath known John Elliott a long time for five or six months before his death he was poorly, but till about the middle of August, he was able to go a fishing, and that was he believes the last time he went a fishing. after that time his health was worse, but he used at times to come over to see this Deponent, it being but a little distance; he believes after the middle of August he was not able to go fishing, and he seemed otherwise disposed, and to have become religious; & he believes after this time he continued still worse, —

and from indisposition could not have gone fishing without fatigue. — John Elliot did live about a quarter of a mile from the head of a creek — where he usually kept his Canoe, but when he went fish was further. John Eliott was very fons of fishing. He this Deponent never heard John Elliott say any thing about setting his Negroes free, but hath heard him say it would be of bad Consequence to his Neighbour Long, if he set his Negroes free. This Deponent thinks John Elliott was confined to his house about the beginning of October, and from that time grew worse.

He was confined to his house from this time, weak & low spirited, but moved about from Room to Room, & sometimes to the Rooms above Stairs. This Deponent did not discover that John Elliott's understanding was at this time impaired; but whether it was the case at the time of the Execution of the Deed, this Deponent cannot undertake to say, — nor what was the State of his mind, from the execution of the Deed, to the time of his death.: never had any conversation with him on that subject afterwards: nor does this Deponent know that John Elliot was in a better Disposition of mind after the manumission, then at the time when it was made; and saith, that John Elliott executed his Will on the same day, on which he executed the deed for the Manumission of his Slaves: but the Will was executed last, & after dark as this Deponent recollects. The Deed was executed pretty late in the Evening. — Thereupon the said Cause was continued until the second Tuesday of April next — At which said Second Tuesday of April Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred — and eight, six came again as well the said Negroes Peter, Will, Jack, Amos — Joe, Job, Sam, Cesar, Phillis, Violet, Sabina, Sal, Darkey, Rose, Peggy — Nan, Esther, Dinah, Andrew, Fann, Sue, and Daniel by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Susanna Elliott and Rachell Elliott by their — Attorney aforesaid; and the aforesaid Negroes Peter, Will, Jack, Amos