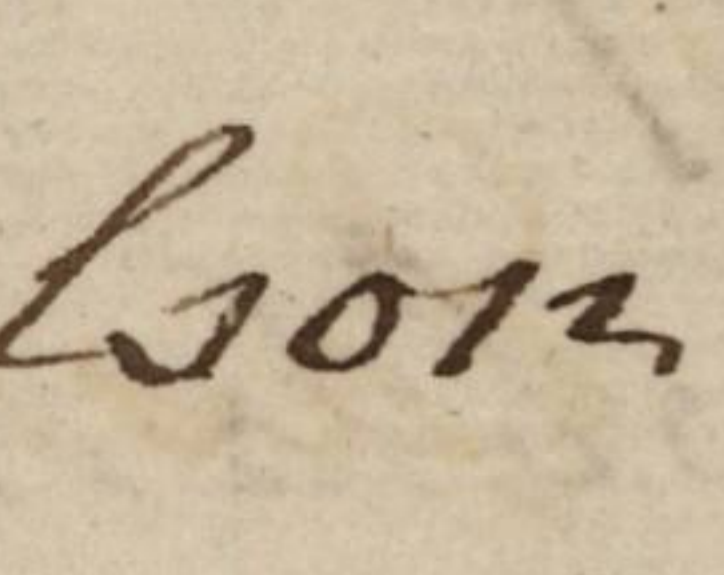



has continued with her ever since in Freder-
ick County in this State upon the Evidence
above stated the Defendant by his Counsel
prayed the Opinion of the Court to the Jury
That the facts above stated are not sufficient
to entitle the petitioner to her freedom
which Opinion and direction the Court
refused to give but were of Opinion and
so directed the Jury that if they find the
facts above stated to be true the petitioner
is entitled to her freedom To which refusal
and Opinion of the Court the Defendant
by his Counsel prayed leave to except and
that the Court sign and seal this his bill
of Exception according to the form of the
Statute in such case made and provided
which is accordingly done this twenty third
day of August in the year 1813.

Attest Shiver  R Nelson 
Negro Mary vs Otto Spigg. Petition for
freedom in Frederick County Court. In the
trial of this cause the petitioner produced
a mulatto man named Richard Shorter