

as a witness in this cause whose mother
was a black woman to swearing which
said Richard Shorter the Defendant objected
It was then proved to the Court by the evi-
dence of Richard Brooke esquire that
the said Richard Shorter was sworn as a
witness in a cause in the Court for Frede-
rick County in a cause of Nelly Shorter
against Jason Phillips a white Christian
man The record of which cause was also
produced by which it appeared that the
said Richard ~~Shorter~~ was sworn in the
said cause on the fact of the said Nelly
Shorter the said Brooke also swore to the
Court that the mother of the said Richard
Shorter was a black woman but that she
was free as having been one of the Shorter
family who had claimed their freedom
and obtained it on the ground of their being
descended from a white woman The
said Brooke also proved that Richard Shorter
was at liberty and free and that it was