

generally reputed that he was descended
from the said Shorter family and from a
free white ancestor on the female side
The petitioner also produced to the Court
the following certificate

The Petitioner also produced the Docket
entries.

J. D. Richard Shorter } November Term 1795.

117. Impeto.

J. M. Thomas Spigg } Trial Verdict for the peti-
tioner that he is free. Judgment on verdict

2^d December. / The original petition of the
said Richard Shorter was then searched for
by the Clerk of the Court but could not be found
being either lost or mislaid of which no
record was made The Defendant objected
to the said Richard Shorter being sworn