

taken on the agreement thereon endorsed  
Mrs. Elizabeth Hall answers to the first  
Interrogatory. That she did hire Negro  
Ester the petitioner from Capt. Thomas  
Spigg in the year 1810. and that she was  
with her about one year and that after  
the death of Capt. Spigg she paid the wages  
due for said hire to Mr. Charles Herston  
who brought an order from Otto Spigg  
(which order was expressed to be for the use  
of Maria Herston) 2<sup>d</sup> Capt. Thomas Spigg  
told Mrs. Hall in a conversation they had  
together about the time aforesaid that  
he intended Negro Ester for Maria Herston  
and on her advising him to hire her to her  
husband who was a free man Capt. Spigg  
said no he would not for that she was  
good for nothing enough already and if  
he hired her to her husband she would  
make all her family as worthless as  
her self Capt. Spigg further observed that  
he had no thought of hiring her to any  
body but he would talk with Mr. Spigg