named in the Commission hereunto annexed as fairly as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioners to take write down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them

Saml. Cunningham

(Sworn to and Subscribed before me a Justice of the peace James Ch

Negro Mahala
(pts
Charles Boone

Anne Arundel County Court
Interrogatories on the Part of the Petitioner

Inter: 1st Of what authority in your Courts is the book (purporting) to be a digest of the laws of Pennsylvania from the year one thousand seven hundred, to the twenty fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen with references to the reports of judicial decisions in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania by John Purdon. Philadelphia. published by Philip H Nicklin No 75 Chestnut Street. (H Fry Printer 1818) State fully

Inter: 2d Do you Know or not the said John Purdon

Inter: 3 Do you Know or not whether the said John Purdon was authorised to send or otherwise dispose of said book.

Inter: 4 Do you or do you not know whether said Philip H Nicklin was authorised to publish said book.

Inter: 5 Is or is not the said H Fry printer to the State of Pennsylvania

Inter: 6th Are or are not the laws printed by him the said H Fry authentic records in the Courts of said State.

Inter: 7 Do you Know or not what are the requisites for holding slaves in your State by persons removing from other States. as for instance the State of Maryland. State fully your Knowledge herein

Inter: 8th Do you Know of any other matter or thing or have you heard or can you say any thing touching the matter in question in this Cause, that may tend to the benefit and advantage of the petitioner besides what you have been interrogated unto? declare the same fully and at large as if you had been particularly interrogated thereto.

True Copy Wm S Green cd.

Be it Known that on this 13th day of February Anno Domini 1825 Before me Jos Henderson Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace in and for the County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania and Commissioner in a Dedimus Potestatum for this special purpose issued out of the Court of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland bearing date the 17th day of October A.D. 1825. in a certain action then pending between Negro Mahala Plaintiff (and)



and Charles Boone defendant came Robert Colmery Esqr. Register and Recorder of the County of Washington aforesaid and being sworn by the Almighty God the Searcher of all hearts to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth" did depose and answer to the interrogatories annexed to the Commission as follows

To the first interrogatory he answers. That Purdons digest of the laws of Pennsylvania referred to is used and read in our Courts as the Law of Pennsylvania

Answer to — Second interrogatory. I do not Know. John Purdon.

Answer to ... third interrogatory. By an act of assembly passed the 27th January 1819 the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was authorised to purchase eight hundred Copies of "Purdons digest of the laws of Pennsylvania" which is the same book referred to in the first interrogatory and a Copy of said book was sent the Prothonotary of this County for the use of the Courts and another Copy was sent to the Register and Recorder for the use of his office which Copy I yet have in my office.

Answer to ... fourth Interrogatory. I do not know whether or not Philip H Nicklin was authorised to publish said book. but the act of assembly referred to above authorises the Secretary of the Commonwealth to purchase said book from Philip H Nicklin for the use of the Commonwealth.

Answer to the fifth Interrogatory. I do not Know but I think that H Fry is not (printer to the State of Pennsylvania)

Answer to ... sixth Interrogatory I do not Know of any other law book printed by H Fry than the digest aforesaid

Answer to ... Seventh Interrogatory. I do not Know what are the requisites for holding slaves in Pennsylvania by persons removing from Maryland. all the Laws that are in force in Pennsylvania on the subject of negroes will be found in Purdons digest page 478 and our Courts generally hold the Masters to a strict Compliance with the Statutes.

Answer to ... eighth Interrogatory. I do not Know any thing else that will be material to either of the parties

Saml Cunningham Clerk

R. Colmery

Taken before me the 13th day of February Anno Domini 1825

Jos Henderson Commissioner

Pennsylvania. Washington County ss

I William Sample Prothonotary of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County do Certify that James Ch Esqr before whom the foregoing affidavits of Jos Henderson and Samuel Cunningham were made was at the time a justice of the peace in and for said County duly Commissioned and that full faith and Credit are and ought to be given to his official acts. Given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Washington the 13th day of February A.D. 1825.

(Seal)

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