Thomas H. Baird who give the above certificate was at the time President Judge of the 11th Judicial District of Pennsylvania composed of the Counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene duly Commissioned and that full faith and credit are and to all his official acts. Given under my hand and Seal of the said Court at Washington the 18th day of February A.D. 1825.

(Seal)

Wm Sample Prothy

The Petitioner further to maintain the issue on her part by her Counsel offered in evidence to the jury a paper filed in this Cause purporting to be Commission from said Joseph Hennerson.

State of Maryland. Anne Arundel County S.S.

The State of Maryland. To Joseph Hennerson Esquire of Washington County Pennsylvania. Greeting. Be it Known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine Evidences in a Cause depending in Anne Arundel County Court. between Negro Mahala Plaintiff and Charles Boone Defendant. Therefore you are requested having first taken the oath hereunto annexed. and also administered the annexed Oath to the person whom you shall appoint as clerk to attend the execution of this Commission. that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient you cause to come before you all such Evidences as shall be named or produced to you by either the Plaintiff or Defendant and that you examine them upon their Corporal Oaths to be by you administered on the Holy Evangely of almighty God touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the Cause aforesaid and having reduced the depositions of the witnesses so taken by you into writing you send the same with this Commission closed under your hand and Seal to the said County Court to be held at the City of Annapolis with all convenient speed. Witness the honourable Thomas Bate Dulany Esquire Chief Judge of the third Judicial District of Maryland the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Issued the 30 day of December 1825

Wm S Spencer

James T. Brice attorney for the Plaintiff
Joseph M Speed attorney for the Defendant

Commissioners Oath.

You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties take the examination and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed upon the interrogatories now or which may hereafter before the said Commission is

(closed)

closed. be produced to and left with you. By either of the said parties

Jos Hennerson

Sworn to and subscribed before a Justice of the peace. James Orr
Clerks Oath.

You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the said parties in this Cause take write down and transcribe the depositions of all and every the witness and witnesses produced before and examined by the Commissioner named in the commission hereunto annexed as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner 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 Orr

Negro Mahala
vs
Charles Boone

Anne Arundel County Court
Interrogatories on the part of the Petitioner

Interr. 1 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 reports of Judicials decisions in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania by John Purdon. Philadelphia published by Philip H. Nicklin N° 175. Chesnut Street. W Fry Printer 1818. State fully.

Interr. 2 Do you know or not the said John Purdon.

Interr. 3 Do you know or not whether the said John Purdon was authorized to send. or otherwise dispose of said book.

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

Interr. 5. Is or is not the said W Fry printer to the State of Pennsylvania

Interr. 6 Are or are not the laws printed by him the said W Fry authentic records in the Courts of said State.

Interr. 7. Do you know or not what are the requisites (in bearing) slaves in your State by persons removing from other States. as for instance the State of Maryland. State fully your knowledge herein

Interr. 8 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.

Wm S Spencer (Bo)

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