State until the year 1804. in the fall of which year the said Thomas Spigg suffered her to be carried into that part of the district of Columbia lying East of the Potomack river called Washington County by a certain Charles Hewstons and that she continued in the said part of the said district employed by and residing with the said Charles Hewstons for two years when she was sent back to Frederick County by the said Hewstons to the said Spigg and continued to reside and be employed in Frederick County by the said Spigg until his death. The said Easter never was hired or otherwise employed in the said District until the year 1804. That Mary the petitioner is the child of the said Easter and was born in the aforesaid part of the district of Columbia while her mother was there as is herein before stated and returned with her mother and

has continued with her ever since in Frederick County in this State upon the Evidence above stated the Defendant by his Counsel prayed the Opinion of the Court to the Jury. That the facts above stated are not sufficient to entitle the petitioner to her freedom Which Opinion and direction the Court refused to give But were of Opinion and so directed the Jury that if they find the facts above stated to be true the petitioner is entitled to her freedom To which refusal and Opinion of the Court the Defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except and that the Court sign and seal this his bill of Exception according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided which is accordingly done this twenty third day of August in the year 1813.

Ab^m Shriver (Seal) R Nelson (Seal)

Negro Mary vs Otho Spigg. Petition for freedom in Frederick County Court. In the trial of this Cause the petitioner produced a Mulatto man named Richard Shorter