Spigg of Frederick County who during all his life time was a citizen of this State
x That the said Easter was born his slave in the State of Maryland and continued to be held by him in slavery in the State of Maryland until the year 1804. in the fall of which year the said Thomas Spigg suffered her and her child the petitioner to be carried into that part of the district of Columbia lying East of the Potomack River called Washington County by a certain Charles Worstons and that she and the petitioner continued in the said part of the said district employed by and residing with the said Charles Worstons for two years when she and her child the petitioner was sent back to Frederick County by the said Worstons to the said Spigg and continued to reside and to be employed in Frederick County by the said Spigg until his death in the year 1810. And that the petitioner never was hired or otherwise employed in the said district of Columbia until the year 1804. That at the time the petitioner was carried as aforesaid to the district of Columbia he was about 2 or 3 years old. Upon the Evidence above stated the Defendant by his Counsel prayed the Opinion of the Court to the Jury That if the Jury find the facts above stated to be true they are not sufficient to entitle the petitioner to his 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 his freedom To which refusal and Opinion of the Court the Defendant 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 24th day of August 1813. A. Shriver (Seal) Nelson (Seal)

Negro Freely vs Otho Spigg. The petitioner by his Counsel then offered to read in Evidence to the Jury the following deposition