aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by Order of the Court here thereon, is further continued until the second Tuesday of May next following.

At which said second Tuesday of May, being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, comes again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Charles Mahoney by Jonathan Roberts Wilmer his Attorney, as the said John Ashton by his Attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid Charles Mahoney by his Attorney last aforesaid files in Court here the following Interrogatories and Depositions, to wit:

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Petitioners Interrogatories

1. Do you know the parties or either of them?
2. Did you know Anne Joice who formerly lived with Henry Darnall at the Woodyard? and how long has she been dead?
3. Had Anne Joice any children that you know, or have heard of; if yea, relate their names, with whom they lived and died, & from whom you had your information and when?
4. Do you any of the Grand children of Joice, if yea, with whom do they live, that you know or have heard, and from which of Joice's children are they descended, that you know or have heard?
5. Do you know any of the great Grand children of Joice, and how are they descended from her? relate your knowledge, and if from hearsay, from whom you heard it?
6. If you have any further knowledge, relate it fully and freely?

Jon.a Wilmer for Pet.r

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The Deposition of Mary Crawford aged Eighty seven years or thereabouts being first Sworn in the above Suit on the Holy Evangells of Almighty God.

Answered the several Questions as follow: to wit:

1.st Question, Do you know the parties in the above Suit?

Answers, She does not.

2.d Question, Did you know a Woman by the name of Ann Joyce who formerly belonged to Henry Darnall and who is said to have died at the Wood yard.

Answers, She does not.

3.d Question, Do you know or have you heard that Francis Hall of Prince Georges County deceased or his father Benjamin Hall in his life time; at any time and when; did say; that Joyce before mentioned was free or entitled to be free, and for what reason, relate any Conversation that you may have heard from them or either of them or any other person on the Subject.

Answers, That she has never heard Benjamin Hall or Francis Hall say any thing on the Subject but that She has heard; her Mother say there was a Woman by the name of Joyce came in with Lord Baltimore and that she, her Mother; dare say the said Ann Joyce or any of her Children would be free if they made any stir to obtain

their freedom that the said Joyce always lived in the family with Mr. Darnall as she was informed and that Frank a Carpenter was Son to the said Joyce and Servant to Mr. Darnall that this Deponants husband had hired the said Frank and two others of Mr. Darnall to build him a dwelling house.

4.th Question, Do you know or have you heard and from whom that Joyce or Ann Joyce the Woman alluded to in the second Question came from England and when; and whether she ever resided in England and how long; and do you recollect ever to have heard who were passengers with the said Joyce at the time she came from England.

Answers, She knows nothing more than she has declared in her answer to the 3.rd Question.

5.th Question, Do you know or have you heard and from whom that the before mentioned Joyce was ever adjudged in Prince Georges County Court to serve for a Term of Years for having bastard children.

Answers, She does not know.

6.th Question, Do you know or have you heard and from whom how many children the said Joyce had; what were their names and in whose possession did they respectively die and when and did you or do you know any of the grand Children of said Joyce and to whom did they, or do they belong respectively.

Answers, She did not nor does not know.

7. Question, Do you know or have you heard of any Conversation which has at any time passed, respecting Charles right or the right of his Mother, Grand Mother or great Grandmother or any of his Ancestors to freedom when and between whom, what was the Conversation relate it fully and freely.

Answers, She does not know nor has she heard of any Conversation.

8.th Question, Do you know and from whom that one of the children of Ann Joyce by the name of Ann Joyce Cross was bound to John Chaplaine in the year 1701, by Prince Georges County Court.

Answers, She does not know.

9.th Question, Do you know and have you heard and from whom what became of Ann Joyce Cross mentioned in the preceeding Question and how and for what reason and on what Account she was bound out by Prince Georges County Court.

Answers, She does not know.

10.th Question, Have you any farther knowledge concerning the right of the Petitioner or of any of his Ancestors to freedom, if you have relate it fully and freely.

Answers, She has not.

Sworn to before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Justices of Prince Georges County Court this 17.th day of October 1792.

David Crawford, Associate Justice for P.G. County Court

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John Wheat of Prince George's County, aged Sixty two years & upwards being Sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that he does not know the Petitioner; but