Challenged by the parties, that is to say, the said Thomas Hodgkin, Thomas Barber, William D Taylor, James Lawrence, Henry McPherson and Thomas Blackiston on the part of the petitioner, and the said Joseph Harwood and Jacob Bayer on the part of the Defendant; other Jurors being called come, that is to say, Joseph Howard, Stephen Jones, Richard Hey Watts, William Shaw, George Bradford, Edward Burgess Junior, John Trueman, and Solomon Sparrow whereupon certain of them, that is to say; Joseph Howard, Stephen Jones, George Bradford and Edward Burgess Junior are sworn upon the Jury; and because the rest of the said Jurors so appearing being, according to the Act of Assembly in such case provided, challenged by the parties that is to say; the said Solomon Sparrow, ~~George Diggs~~ ~~and William Hamilton~~ on the part of the petitioner and the said Richard Hey Watts, William Shaw and John Trueman, ~~Matthew Bell, and John Brice~~ on the part of the Defendant other Jurors being called come that is to say George Diggs, William Hamilton, Matthew Bell and John Brice, and because the rest of the said Jurors so appearing being in likemanner challenged by the parties, that is to say the said George Diggs and William Hamilton on the part of the petitioner and the said Matthew Bell and John Brice on the part of the Defendant, other Jurors being called come, that is to say, John Welch; Whereupon the said John Welch is sworn upon the Jury; And because a sufficient number of Jurors not being present to complete the said panel; therefore others of the by standers by the Sheriff of the County of Anne Arundel are summoned, who being called ~~come~~, certain of them come that is to say; Robert Duvall, Nicholas Brewer, and Clement Richards Whereupon one of them that is to say, the said Nicholas Brewer is sworn upon the Jury; and because the rest of the said Jurors so appearing being, according to the Act of Assembly in such case provided, challenged by the parties that is to say the said Robert Duvall and Clement Richards on the part of the said Defendant; other Jurors of the by standers so summoned by the Sheriff aforesaid being called come, that is to say William Alexander and Philemon Brown; and because the said Jurors so appearing being according to the Act of Assembly in such case provided, challenged by the parties, that is to say; the said William Alexander on the part of the Defendant and the said Philemon Brown on the part of the petitioner, other Jurors of the by standers so summoned by the Sheriff, aforesaid being called come, that is to say; Ezekiel Gott and Richard Dorsey; Whereupon one of them that is to say, the said Richard Dorsey is sworn upon that Jury; And because the other Juror so appearing being, challenged according to the Act of Assembly aforesaid on the part of the Petitioner, another Juror of the by standers so summoned by the Sheriff, aforesaid being called come, that is to say; John Munroe Whereupon it being objected on the part of the Defendant to the said John Munroe being sworn on the Jury alleging that he does not stand indifferent between the parties to this issue; thereupon the said John Partridge and Charles Baker the two first of the Jurors herein before impannelled are sworn to try whether the said John Munroe stands indifferent between the parties to this Issue, who having retired from the bar of the Court here, afterwards return and, on their Oath do say that the said John Munroe does stand indifferent between the parties to this issue; and because the said John Munroe being challenged according to the Act of Assembly aforesaid on the part of the Defendant, another Juror of the by standers so summoned by the Sheriff aforesaid being called comes that is to say, Richard Mackubin; Whereupon the said Richard Mackubin is sworn upon that Jury which said Nicholas Brewer, Richard Dorsey and Richard

The following deposition of Anne Cooke marked No. A. to come in as marked in page 10.

Charles Mahony
vs.
John Ashton

Petition for Freedom in the General Court.

The Deposition of Ann Cooke aged about Seventy three Years being sworn in the above suit on the holy Evangels of Almighty God answered the several Questions as follows,

1st. Ques.t. Being asked if he knew the parties in the ~~about~~ above Suit;

Answers, She has seen Mr. Ashton and has been at his Chapel but has no acquaintance with him, She never saw Charles Mahony untill this day to know him,

2d. Ques.t. Being asked if she knew 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 remembers being at her Grandfather Hills when she was a small girl when the Cook came in and told her Grand Mother that Joyce was come, her Grand Mother sent for her in and talked with her, she appeared to be an Elderly Mulatto Woman, she never heard that Joyce had any pretentions to freedom, nor did she know with whom she lived,

3d. Ques.t. Being asked, if she had 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, and to relate any conversation that she may have heard from them, or either of them or any other person upon the Subject;

Answers, She never heard a syllable mentioned about it;

4th. Ques.t. Being asked, if she knew or had 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 if she recollected ever to have heard who were passengers with the said Joyce at the time she came from England;

Answers, She never heard any thing of it;

5th. Ques.t. Being asked, Do you know and have you heard and from whom that the before mentioned Joyce was ever adjudged in Prince Georges County Court to serve for a term years for having Bastard Children;

Answers, No she never did,

6th. Ques.t. Being asked, Do you know or have 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 has seen a Mulatto Man and Woman named Johnny and Nelly who lived with her Grand father Hill, likewise a Woman named Polly that lived with Basil Waring also another Woman named Sue that belonged to old Mrs. Carroll, that she has been informed within these Twelve months past were Grand Children of Joyce, also a Mulatto Woman named Sue that lived with William Diggs which she has been told lately was the Daughter of Joyce,

7th. Ques.t. Being asked, Do you know or have you heard of any conversation which