at any time passed respecting Charles's right or the right of his Mother Grandmother or great Grand Mother or any of his Ancestors to freedom, when, and between whom; what was the conversation, relate it, fully and freely.

Answers, She has heard that some of Doctr. Smith's Negroes were trying to obtain their freedom; and she has heard in different Companies that there were others doing the same.

8th. Ques.t, Being asked, 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 Chapelan in the year 1701 by Prince Georges County Court,

Answers, She never heard a Word of it,

9th. Ques.t. Being asked, Do you know and have you heard and from whom what became of Ann Joyce Cross mentioned in the proceeding question and how and for what reason and on what account she was bound out by Prince Georges County Court.

Answers, She never heard there was such a person as Ann Joyce Cross untill this Summer she has heard her name mentioned,

10th. Ques.t. Being asked, Have you any further knowledge concerning the right of the Petitioner or any of his Ancestors to freedom if you have relate it fully and truely.

Answers, She knows nothing further.

Sworn before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Prince Georges County this 17th. day of October 1792.

Sam Hepburn,

The Depositions of Anne Hurdle and Henry Davis marked No. B. and No. C. to be inserted as marked in folio 11.

No. B.

Charles Mahoney vs. John Ashton.

Petition for Freedom in the General Court.

Anne Hurdle of Prince Georges County in the Seventy fourth Year of her Age being sworn, on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that she never saw the Petitioner, untill lately, and she has no acquaintance with John Ashton the Defendant, but has seen him; that she never knew or saw Anne Joyce from whom she understands the petitioner claims his freedom, that about fifty four Years ago, or thereabouts Mary Hurdle the Mother of the Deponent's late husband had been summoned as a Witness to Prince Georges County Court for one Daniel Lee a Mulatto who had petitioned for his freedom against John Wright and went to Court and was sworn as she heard her Mother in Law say when she returned from Court; that she understood from her that Daniel Lee was to be free, when, he was thirty one Years of Age, and that she said she knew when he was born; that when she returned, She said that it was the way of the great people that they wanted this kind of Servants to serve longer than they ought to serve; that she said just so they served Anne Joyce's family, that by all Accounts they are in Confinement now; and they ought to have been free long ago, That the said Mary Hurdle was an Old Woman at that time and has been dead about Thirty Years, that the Deponant has always understood that the said Mary Hurdle was One hundred and two Years of Age when

she died, That some of the Company asked her who Anne Joyce was and she said she came into this Country a Young Woman with Lord Baltimore that the said Mary Hurdle then lived near Nottingham and this Deponent and her husband lived with her; That she always lived in Prince George's County, as the Deponent understood from her; that she came into this Country, when about thirteen Years old and served her time for her passage four Years in the Neighbourhood of Upper Marlbrough as she had heard her say; and she has understood from Mary Hurdle that she came into this Country about the time that Lord Baltimore came in; That she recollects nothing further.

Sworn before, Bullen,

No. C.

Montgomery County, May 6th. 1797. Henry Davis aged about Sixty seven Years made Oath before me one of the Justices for said County on the holy Evangels of Almighty God to the truth of his Answers made to the annexed Interrogatories which are as follows

The first, he says, that he knows John Ashton by sight only, and that he has slightly know Charles Mahony about three Years.

To the Second, he Answers, That he never knew Joice,

To the Third, That he well Remembers to have heard his Father say, that Joice a girl about 17 or eighteen Years of Age was born in Barbadoes taken from thence, to England and brought to Maryland by Mr. Calvert, (the then Proprietor) that upon his returning to England he made a present of her to a Mr. Darnall and that he has heard his Fathers Brother (David Davis) say the report was that Joice if Justice was done, was intitled to her freedom,

To the fourth, That he has heard his Father say Joice and Sons and Daughters the Names of the latter he doth not remember, the Sons, David, Frank, and Tom, and that there was another whose Name he doth not recollect nor does he their Surnames, (Sons excepted, which was Crane,

To the fifth, He says, that he doth not.

To the sixth, He answered as to the fifth,

To the seventh, He answers as in the third,

To the Eighth; That he hath not any knowledge more than he has stated,

Sworn before, George French,

The following Deposition of Henry Davis marked No. D. to be inserted as marked in folio 13.

John Hickman vs. Dr. Richd. Smith

Charles Mahoney vs. John Ashton

Petition for freedom in the General Court.

The Deposition of Henry Davis of Prince Georges County aged Sixty seven Years, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God touching his knowledge in these Causes, saith that he does not know John Hickman and that he has seen the Defendant Richard Smith only once, That he has seen Charles Mahoney but had no acquaintance with him, that he has no acquaintance with Mr. John Ashton; Being asked if he knew Ann Joyce