who lived in the family of Col? Henry Darnall," Answers he did not, that he has heard his Father say he was a Joiner by Trade and worked at the Wood Yard where the said Darnall lived, and he has often heard him say, that he knew a Woman by the name of Joyce, she was a black Woman, and was born as his Father was informed in Barbadoes, that some of the family went to England and that the then Lord Baltimore brought her with him to Maryland in the character of a book or waiting Maid, She was called after she came to Maryland Lord Baltimore's book, she was a Young Woman when she came in as Deponants Father informed him; that his Father died about the year seventeen hundred and seventy six and was in his Ninetieth Year when he died; that this conversation he has often heard his Father relate, and he has heard his Father say she had four Sons, one called Tom Crane, one called Frank, the other called David the name of the fourth he can't recollect; he cannot recollect the Sirnames of any but Crane, he understood they took their Sir names from their fathers, and had different Sir names, That his Father was born in Prince Georges County about two Miles from Upper Marlbrough, and continued there until a few Years before Deponants birth as he has frequently heard him say, This Deponant further says he never heard his Father say whether the said Joyce was a Slave or free, But he remembers she was carried from Barbadoes into England when very young; and was brought to this Country, when she was about seventeen Years old, This Deponant further says, that he has frequently heard his Father say that the four Sons above mentioned were Mulattoes, and that they were the strongest Men he ever knew to come from one Woman, This Deponant further saith that his Father told him he knew the four Sons of Joyce and he knew the Woman who was called Joyce and that he had worked sundry times at the Wood yard, and he has heard his Uncle David Davis say that it was the Report of the Neighbourhood, that if she had Justice done her she ought to have been free, and this he has heard sunday times from his Uncle when talking the matter over, that his said Uncle has been dead many Years, That he understood from his Father that he had heard Mr. Darnall say that Joyce came in with Lord Baltimore and that she was about 17 or 18 Years old when she came in and that she was left with Mr. Darnall by Lord Baltimore when he returned to England.

That his Father told him he worked at the Woodyard when Mr. Darnall was building, Being asked, if he heard his Father say whether she Joyce was a Jet Black Woman," Answered, No, but he said she was a black Woman.

Sworn before the Subscriber this 22d. day of May 1797.

Allen Quynn

This deposition agreed to be read in Evidence

W. Cooke.

Jno. Johnson.

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read in Evidence to the Jury to wit, "that she said, just so they served Ann Joyce's family, "that by all Accounts they are in confinement now and they ought to have been free long ago. as containing the declaration of Opinions as to a right, and not a declaration as to any fact and therefore improper and inadmissible to go to the Jury, But the Court were of opinion the said part was admissible to be read in Evidence to the Jury, the same being general Reputation of the fact that Ann Joyce's family were free, to which Opinion the Defendant by his Counsel excepts and prays the Court to sign and Seal this his Bill of Exception according to the form of the Statute and which is accordingly done this thirtieth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety nine.

Jeremiah Townley Chase (seal)

John Done (seal)

Charles Mahoney vs. John Ashton — Petition for Freedom

On the Trial of this Cause the Plaintiff in support of the Issue offered to read the deposition of Ann Hurdle taken the 28th May 1797, by consent; and the Defendant by his Counsel objected to the reading of the following part of said deposition, to wit "that "she has also heard the Tuskers and Sawyers who were old people and who are "now dead talk about it, but can't recollect what they said more than they censured "those who kept them". and the Court were of Opinion the said part of said Deposition was not Evidence and would not permit it to be read in Evidence to the Jury; To which Opinion the Plaintiff by his Counsel excepted and prayed the Court to sign and Seal this his Bill of Exceptions which is done this 30th may 1799.

Jeremiah Townley Chase (seal)

John Done (seal)

Charles Mahoney vs. John Ashton — Petition for Freedom.

The Plaintiff in this Cause to support the issue on his part offered to read in evidence to the Jury the Special Verdict which had been found by the Jury which was Sworn to try the issue in this Cause at October Term 1797. and which had been heretofore set aside by the Court on account of the same being adjudged defective, the fact that Ann Joice was in England not being expressly found, to which the Defendant by his Counsel objected because the Plaintiff had the same testimony now to support his issue which was offered to the former Jury; but the Court was of Opinion the same might be read in Evidence to the Jury, to which opinion the Defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except and that his Bill of Exceptions may be by the Court signed and sealed according to the form of the Statute in such case provided which is accordingly done this 30th day of May seventeen hundred and ninety nine

Jeremiah Townley Chase (seal)

John Done (seal)

Mahoney vs Ashton — In the Trial of this Cause the petitioner by his Counsel prayed the following direction of the Court to the Jury, "That if from the