Maryland Calvert County to wit. Lib. J. R. & U. S

By Virtue of an Order from his Excellency the Governor and Council of the Province aforesaid directed to the Subscriber one of his Lordships the Right honourable the Lord Proprietarys Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Dated the twenty second Day of September 1760 the following Depositions were taken relating to a Certain John Cousins Master of the Brigantine Edward importing into this Province from the Coast of Africa a Negroe Man called Capt Gray another called Capt Buck & eleven other Negroes who it has been represented to his Excellency the Governor and Council were Free Persons in their own Country and brought here by the aforesaid Capt John Cousins & sold for Slaves.

The Deposition of Elias Glover Chief Mate of the aforesaid Brigantine being Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith, that as to the Negroe called Capt Gray he was taken in a Theft on board the aforesaid Brigantine and for that detained, that he afterwards was principally concerned in cutting the Cable and endangering the Loss of the Vessel; that as to the negroe called Capt Buck, and the eleven other Negroes they were brought on board the Vessel by the Traders, and there left as Pledges, but that to his knowledge there was as much Goods given for them as for the other Slaves, that they had been on board of the Vessel for seven or eight Weeks before the Vessel Sailed, and that the Traders never offered to redeem them and further saith not.

September 27th 1760 Sworn to before Elias Glover
James Weems.

The Deposition of Robert Harrison second Mate of the Brigantine Edward being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith, that he knoweth every Article contained in the above Deposition of Elias Glover is true, and that he knoweth nothing more relating to the aforesaid Negroes.

Same Day sworn to before Robert Harrison
James Weems.

The Deposition of Eneas Loughrig Aged about twenty one years who being duely sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that he is a Saylor on board of the Brigantine Edward John Cousins Commander and that he Sailed from Liverpool along with the said Capt Cousins before the Mast on a Voyage to the Coast of Guinea to purchase Slaves, that during their Trade on that Coast