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And hereupon the said Thomas Thornton demands against the said William Rawlings Tenant by his warranty the Land aforesaid above demanded with the appurtenances in form aforesaid and so forth. And whereupon he saith that he was seized of the Land aforesaid above demanded with the appurtenances in his demesnes as of fee and right in the time of the Lord the King that now is taking the profits thereof to the value and so forth, and into which and so forth, and thereupon he brings suit and so forth.

And the aforesaid William Rawlings Tenant by his warranty comes and defends his right when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid Hugh Keitch did not dispossess the aforesaid Thomas Thornton of the Land aforesaid above demanded with the appurtenances as the said Thomas Thornton by his writs and declaration aforesaid above doth suppose and of this he trusts himself upon the Country and so forth.

And the aforesaid Thomas Thornton prays leave thereof to impeale, and he hath it and so forth, and afterwards the aforesaid Thomas Thornton comes again here into Court in his fame Term in his proper person, and the aforesaid William Rawlings although solemnly called comes not but in contempt of the Court hath departed and makes default.

Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Thomas Thornton recover his fees against the aforesaid James Keitch of the Land aforesaid above demanded with the appurtenances, and that the aforesaid James Keitch have of the Land of the aforesaid William Rawlings to the value and so forth, and that the aforesaid William Rawlings being in mercy and so forth.

And hereupon the aforesaid Thomas Thornton prays the writs of the Lord proprietary to the Sheriff of Charles County to be directed to cause to be delivered to him full fees of the Land aforesaid above demanded with the appurtenances, and it is granted to him returnable here the second Tuesday of April next and so forth.

Test
Reverdy Ghiselin Esq.

William Butler &
Mary Butler
Richard Boorman

Be it remembred, that on the twenty fourth day of September Anno Domini seven hundred and sixty three, the Plaintiffs by John Hall their attorney file in Court here, the following Petition to wit:

To the Honourable the Justices of the Provincial Court.

The Humble petition of William Butler and Mary Butler, sheweth that they are justly entitled to Freedom, but are detained in a state of perpetual slavery by Richard Boorman of Saint Marys County planter. Your petitioners therefore desire your Honours to consider their case and set them at liberty, and otherwise relieve them in the premises - And in duty bound they will ever pray &c.

John Hall Esq. Petitioners

which being read and heard and mature Deliberation thereupon had it was ruled and ordered by the Court that summons issue against the said Richard Boorman, for his appearance, he is next Court which issued accordingly, and was by the Sheriff of Saint Marys

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Marys County to which the same writ was directed, returned summoned.

At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty four, came again as well the said William Bullock and Mary Bullock by John Hall their Attorney, as the said Richard Doanman by Thomas Johnson Junior his attorney; Thereupon the said Cause is continued till next Court.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty four, come again the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty five, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon it is ordered and ruled by the said Court, that the Depositions of John Brasfon, Samuel Leger Senior, John Jordan Smith, and Elizabeth Manning, be admitted as Evidence on behalf of the Defendants on giving four days notice of the time and place of Examination to the Complainants; and thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty five, come again the said parties by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty six, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the Third Tuesday of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty six, come again the said parties by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon it is ordered and ruled by the said Court, that the Depositions of all Witnesses on both sides, to be taken before a Magistrate be admitted as Evidence on the Arguments of this Cause, in case the Witnesses are not able to attend, the adverse party gives two days notice of the time and place of taking each Deposition; and thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the third Tuesday of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty seven, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the third Tuesday of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty seven, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the third Tuesday of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty eight, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said Cause is further continued untill next Court.

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At which said next Court, to wit, the third Tuesday of October Anno Domini seven hundred and seventy eight, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, Thereupon the said cause is further continued until next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the third Tuesday of May Anno Domini seven hundred and seventy nine, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, Thereupon the said cause is further continued until next Court.

At which said next Court, to wit, the third Tuesday of October Anno Domini seven hundred and seventy nine, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, Thereupon the said cause is further continued until next Court.

At which said next Court, to wit the second Tuesday of April, Anno Domini seven hundred and seventy, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, Thereupon the said cause is further continued until next Court.

At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini seven hundred and seventy, come again as well the said William Bullow and Mary Bullow, by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Boorman by his Attorney aforesaid, whereupon all and singular the premises aforesaid, and their allegations and Evidence, as well on the part of the said William Bullow and Mary Bullow, as the said Richard Boorman, being by the Court here, seen, heard, fully understood, and mature Deliberation thereupon had. It is considered by the Justices here that the said William Bullow and Mary Bullow stand from any further service to the said Richard Boorman be hence discharged and freed. And it is also considered that the said William Bullow and Mary Bullow recover against the said Richard Boorman the sum of pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them within a point adjudged for their Costs and charges by them paid out and expended by Occasion of the premises etc.

And thereupon the said Richard Boorman by his Attorney aforesaid prays an appeal from the Judgment aforesaid, so as aforesaid rendered to his Lordships High Court of Appeals and the same is granted. It is therefore ordered that the record and proceedings in the premises aforesaid be transmitted to the High Court of Appeals accordingly.

Test: Reverendy G. H. S. L. M. C. H.

Copies of the Depositions of the Witnesses taken and admitted as Evidence on the hearing of the foregoing cause, are hereto annexed.

Charles County, Sept. 12th 1767. The Deposition of John Jordan Smith, aged about Eighty five years, taken before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the said County, he being first sworn on the Holy Evangel, Depoeth and faith that about sixty years ago he was well acquainted with Eleazer Bullow, an Irish woman, and Negro Charles and that they lived together several years, and that they had three Children which then lived with them, one named John, one named Sarah, and one named Catharine, and this Depoent further faith that he believes that the said John was then between nine teen and twenty years of age, and Sarah about seventeen, and Catharine about fifteen years of age, and this Depoent further

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said that the said Cleon (Butler), used to come several times to his father's house to wash for the family, and further saith that the said Cleon and Charles lived on a plantation of Major Boorman's and that he saw them several times at the May^{rs}, and further this Deponent saith not -

Allen Davis

John Jordan Smith.

I further certify that Mr. Leonard Butler was present, when the above Deposition was taken. Allen Davis

The Deposition of Jane Howard aged seventy years or thereabouts being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, declares that when she this Deponent was ten, eleven or twelve years of age, she used frequented to be at Major Boorman's house, his wife being Godmother to this Deponent, and at that time there was in Major Boorman's possession two Mulatto's, as slaves, the one a young man named Jack twenty years of age or thereabouts, the other a well grown young lusty Man named Kate, both which Mulatto's she this Deponent often heard Major Boorman's family say was the children of Mingo Charles a slave to the said Boorman, and Nell Butler an Irish woman, and also several of the Neighbours say the same, likewise that they were married

Patent. Marys County &c.

Sean Howard
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There by certify that the above Deposition was taken before me one of his Lordships Justices for the County aforesaid -
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John Reider Junior.

The Deposition of Thomas Beach, aged seventy eight years, being first duly sworn of the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth and saith that he knew Irish Nell; that the first of his knowing her was at Mr. Leonard Brooker and that she the said Irish Nell appeared to him at that time to be about forty years old, that Nell had a daughter called Abigail that when he first knew her, she was about nine or ten years old, and lived at Leonard Brooker's, and that he this Deponent was then about twenty or twenty one years old, and that he has often heard that William Butler was the son of the said Abigail, and that Irish Nell, was a white woman, and that when he first knew Irish Nell he was about twenty or twenty one years old.

Thomas Beach
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Sworn to, in Open Court 28th October 1767.

Just R. Ghiselein (Clerk)

William & Mary Butler In the Provincial Court, May 27th 1767.

Richard Boorman

Ann Whitehead aged seventy five years the Eleventh day of December next, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God in Open Court, deposeth and saith that William Butler one of the petitioners, is a son of Cleon Butler's Daughter named Elizabeth, commonly called Abigail which said Elizabeth, this Deponent saith was near her age, but something younger, that they were Gals together, and lived within two miles of each other,

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and that she never knew or heard that the said Eleanor Butler was in a state of slavery that she frequently used to come and see her Children, and stay with them for a month and longer at a time, as other free people do, that she never knew or heard that the said Eleanor Butler was married to a Negro, that the said William Butler is as she believes about forty four years old, that the said Elizabeth, mother of the Petitioner has been dead about thirty years, that she knew Eleanor Butler from the time she this Deponent was seven years old, or thereabouts to the time of the said Eleanor's death, and that she the said Deponent always lived within a mile or two of Elizabeth, commonly called Abigail, Daughter of the said Justice Bell and that the said Eleanor was a Midwife and lived chiefly, among the Boarmans in Charles County without being confined to any particular place that she knows of, that Eleanor bore three or four Children after she this Deponent knew her, and at the time of her first knowing her was a child bearing woman, that Eleanor she believes was about forty years old when she died, but does not know how long it is since her death, that one of the Children which the said Eleanor used to go and see was at Richard Boarmans that is now, but then Leonard Brooke's in Saint Marys County, and another at Richard Brooke's in Saint Marys County, that she heard, but don't know from whom, that Leonard Brooke's wife was of the family of the Petenders, who the wife of Richard Brooke was that she never heard, maybe she was a Sly, she thinks she has heard so, and further faith not.

Am^h ~~W~~ Whitehorn
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William & Mary Butler

Richard Boorman

In the Provincial Court, 27th May 1767.

Samuel C. Bell Junior aged fifty years

next March, being first sworn on the Holy

Evangel of Almighty God in open Court, deposes

and faith that in April one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, as well as he can remember he was at Annapolis attending the provincial Court with Wth Edwards, and lodged at one house, and Wth Richard Boorman the Defendant came to their lodgings, and in discourse about the matter now in question, he the said Boorman told him and Edwards that Lord Baltimore a good many years ago, came into this Country to live, and brought with him a woman named Butler, whose Christian name he do not remember, to wash and iron and board with his Grand Father, and that some time after they had been there, the said woman called Butler fell in Love with one of his Grand Father's Negroes and wanted to marry him, and upon my Lord being informed that she wanted to marry the Negro, my Lord sent for her in, and Childer, and told her that if she married the Negro she would by that means enslave herself, and her posterity, upon which the woman told him that she had rather marry the Negro under these circumstances, than to marry his Lordship with his Country, upon which he told her she might go and marry him, and be damned, accordingly she went and was married to the Negro, and of that marriage, came the said two Negroes William and Mary Butler the Petitioners, upon which he this Deponent or Wth Edwards, he don't remember which

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of them asked him if there were not a good many of that Family, he said there was about one hundred and twenty of them, but the Negroes by their Council made near three hundred of them, for that they had taken seven some Salt water Negroes, into their count, and upon asking them how they came to be slaves as they came of a white woman? He said he claimed them by a Law of this Province whereby white women marrying of slaves, should become slaves to the house of their Husbands master, and he took out of his pocket a paper, which he said was a copy of the Act, and it appeared to be a copy of an Act, and under that Act he claimed them and thinks, as well as he can remember, he said Mr Durnall copied it for him; afterwards this Deponent and Mr Edwards were talking about the matter, and that they would be summoned as witnesses, upon which Mr Boorman said he only spoke to them as friends, and desired they would say nothing about the matter, and after they the said Deponents and Edwards went home, several people came to him and asked what the conversation was which passed between him and Boorman, upon which he knew he never told any body, and when he saw Mr Edwards he asked him, how he came to tell of it; he said it was no secret, Mr Boorman had told it to fifty people besides, and further saith not.

Sworn to, in open Court.

Sam^r. Abell Junior

Test A Ghiselein Ck.

William & Mary Butlov In the Provincial Court 27th May 1767.

Richard Boorman

Nathaniel Suit, aged forty years the twenty second day of July next being first sworn on the Holy Evangel's of Almighty God, in open Court, deponeth and saith, that his father, Nathaniel Suit at the time of his death was in the Eighty ninth year of his age, and that he has been dead ten years last to April, and that about fourteen or fifteen years ago he told his Father that Ned Butlov had sued for his freedom, and his father said he was a foolish dog would never get free nor none of Irish Nells Children, for she was married to a Negro Fellow of Major Boorman's named Charles, and that enslaved them all, and said he was there when they were married and was a small boy, and went there with his mother, and thinks his Father said they wanted them to keep the Brads, or she wanted to keep him, or did keep him, and he run away, and further saith not.

Nathaniel Suit

Sworn to, in open Court.

Test A Ghiselein Ck.

William & Mary Butlov In the Provincial Court 27th May 1767.

Richard Boorman

William M^r Thersow aged sixty years the fifth day of September next being first sworn on the Holy Evangel's of Almighty God, in open Court, deponeth and saith, that he knew Hannah Butlov, commonly called Irish Nells about fifty years ago, when Com^r Henry John Sanders married Major William Boorman's widow and brought his wife home, he said Irish Nells,

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and a negro Charles at the said Saunders's, that her husband Moll and Charles together and that negro Charles called the said Moll his old woman, and she called him her old man, that he never knew of the said Moll being held as a slave, that when Charles went to Saunders's quarter Moll went thence also and acted as a Cook, that Moll appeared to him to be an old woman and bore no Children after his knowledge of her, that he knew a Daughter of her's called Kate, that Kate was the mother of Pegg, that Pegg was the mother of Moll one of the petitioners, that he first knew Kate about forty five years ago, that she then had Children, and died about seven or eight years ago, and thinks she must in his Judgment have been seventy years old at the time of her death, that Eleanor Bullow hath been dead about thirty eight, thirty nine, or forty years ago, that he knew two other Daughters of the said Eleanor called Moll and Ann, that Ann was the youngest of the three, and he believes Moll younger than Kate, that John Saunders hired Negro Charles to Nasy Boorman, that Eleanor Bullow either came with him or followed him there, and acted as a free woman and took in spinning and acted as a midwife, that Charles was afterwards hired to Saunders's son and moved away from Nasy Boorman's, but that Eleanor Bullow stayed at Nasy Boorman's till she died, that the said Eleanor appeared to him much broken and an old woman when she died, that when Eleanor first came into the Country she lived with Major William Boorman, as he has heard, that the Children of Moll before spoken of in this Deposition were held as slaves, that is to Kate by John Baptist Boorman, Pegg by Ignatius Boorman, and Moll was born at Ignatius Boorman's and fell to a son of the said Boorman called Francis Boorman that he knew Mrs Bullow, pretty near twenty seven or twenty eight years ago, that he was then a man grown, and appeared to him to be about twenty seven or twenty eight years old

Sworn to in open Court

William W. Pherson

Test J. Ghieselin Ck.

Richard Boorman In the Provincial Court, May 27 1767.

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M^{rs} Mary Bullow

Edward Adeler aged fifty years or thereabouts being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God in open Court deposed and saith, that he heard his Father Richard Adeler say a little before he died which was seven years next fall, that he was eighty nine years old, or thereabouts, and that he heard his Father say he went to Major Boorman one morning, and when he came there he said My Lord Baltimore was there, and then lived there, and he heard Lord Baltimore ask for Eleanor Bullow a servant woman of Major Boorman's, when she came to him he said, I understand you are going to be married to day to Negro Charles, he said to her what a pity for a young girl as you are should fling herself away for to marry a negro, and he said not only that, but you can be flawed of your Children and their posterity, and he heard his Father say he did not stay to see them married, but he understood they were married that day and lived together afterwards as man and wife, this conversation with his Father happened about twenty years ago, that he says that his Sister married one of the Boormans who had some of the Descendants of Moll Bullow

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Sworn to in open Court Edward Edelen

Test R. G. hiselin Clerk.

Richard Boorman In the Provincial Court. May 27th 1767.
Mrs Mary Butler aged sixty eight years last
November being first sworn on the Holy Evangel of
Almighty God in open Court deposes and faith, that
she has heard his mother who is now dead say that she has heard old Madam Witham
who is also dead say that she saw Inish Mell or Mell Butler he's not certain
which, married to negro Charles, that the said Charles at that time belonged to
old Major Boorman, further he has heard her say she heard old Mr. Doyers
who is also dead say that she was at Major Boorman's when they were married
and thinks she see them married, and further has heard her say that she heard
one old Ann that who is also dead say she was at Major Boorman's when they
were married and then he said she seen them married, and also heard old Mr. Kutton
who is also dead say, that she was at Major Boorman's when the same Mell and
Charles as she understood was married, but that she did not see them married,
that she heard several people wish them much joy, and that she behaved as a
- Bride; and that he has heard his mother say that she heard many people say
that my lord was at Major Boorman's at the time when they were married
and cautioned this Mell Butler against her, that before they were married, that
if she married negro Charles she would enslave herself, and all her posterity,
my lord asked her how she would like to go to bed to a negro? she answered him
that she rather go to bed to Charles than his lordship, that he heard Mr. Mator
who was a Magistrate of Charles County, and now also dead say, that they were
- married under a law that made them slaves, that Mr. Mator at the time of his death
was about fifty or sixty years old, as he apprehends, that Mr. Mator was not a
native of this province as he believes, and was a man when he first saw him,
he says he knew Ned Butler, when a man grown that he appeared to him
to be about twenty or near thirty or more, about seventeen or eight years ago,
but that he is unable to form any Judgment of what age he was, and further
faith not -

Sworn to in open Court

Benjⁿ Jameson

Test R. G. hiselin Clerk.

Richard Boorman In the Provincial Court. 27th May 1767.
Mrs Mary Butler aged sixty three years last March
being first sworn on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God
deposes and faith, that in former discourse with his
mother who is now dead, she heard her say, that in former discourse with Inish Mell
about her marriage with a negro, Inish Mell told her the day she expected to
be married, she was early up intending to clean her house out, and a gentleman
- whether it was Lord Baltimore, or any other person he can't remember, asked her
if she was the girl that was to be married that day to the negro? she said yes,
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he then chid her, and told her, she would put a mark by that upon her Children and bring them into Slavery, that if she would marry a white man her Children might be of Credit in the world, otherwise they would be in Slavery, upon which she fell a crying, and said it was to her Choice, she would rather have Charles than have your Lordship or his Lordship he can't tell which, upon which he said marry him if you will, and so were married, and that this Conversation between him and his mother happened about thirty years ago, that he knew Kate a Daughter of Irish Mell, who had a Daughter named Peggy, who had several Children that he understood Jack was the eldest Child of Irish Mell, that he knew Jack about fifty four or fifty five years ago, and then he appeared to be one or two and twenty years of age, that several young People were with him in the yard which he knew to be about one or two and twenty, and that he appeared to be of them ago, he himself at that time being five or seven years old, that he always understood the defendants of the said Irish Mell were held in Slavery during his remembrance, and that several of them who he knew were held as Slaves, that he knew Leonard Brooker who he always understood married Major Boarmans Daughter, and Richard Brooker and his wife Clear, which Clear was the Daughter of Major Boarmans, that he this Deponent from his Infancy lived in the Neighborhood of Boarmans family in Charles County until he was forty years old, and then removed into Prince Georges County, that he was nine or ten years old his mother sent him for Card, and then he saw Ned Bullow at his master Joseph Piler his house, and that the said Ned Bullow was a Negro bigger than himself, and that he judged him to be a year or two older than himself, that he has heard that one Hubbard was a Roman Priest, and lived in the Neighborhood near Major Boarmans, that it was before his time, and that he never saw him as he knows of, that one Waddocks succeeded him, and that he knew him very well, and that Mr. Hubbard died an old man, as he has heard, that he does not know whether Nell was a Slave or not, for when he knew her she was old and past her Labour.

Sworn to in Open Court.

Thomas Bowling

Test R. G. Hiselew Clerk.

Richard Boarmans In the Provincial Court 27th May 1767.
 Mrs. Mary Bullow ^{do} William Dismar aged fifty nine years being
 just sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God in
 open Court deposes and saith, that as for Irish Mell and her Husband ever since he knew any Body he knew them likewise, he knew Kate who came from them, and he knew the Grandson Ned who went for Kate's son, and he the said Ned and himself were pretty near of an age, and were Children and played together, his master put him out to work, and his master got this Deponent to work with him, he kept on to work for some time, and then went away from this Deponent down to his master called Billy Neales, who lived at Hob, that he has heard his Father say he was at the wedding at the two old people called Mell Bullow and Charles and
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saw them married, and heard him tell Capt. Redhead he was at the wedding, and a fine wedding it was, the Capt. told his Father she was a foolish woman for marrying the Negro, for that it would make herself and her Children slaves for ever after, and as for the two couple he used to work abroad and do the most know whether they lived or died slaves that the time he went to work abroad, he was two or three and twenty, but he remembers. Tell Bullon and Negro Charles, and they passed as man and wife and call themselves so, and that Charles he believes was a salt water Negro, and always understood was a slave of Major William Boarmans, that his first Dependent's Daughter married Baker Brooke's who had one or two Mulatto's, who he understood were of this family, and that Baker Brooke and his wife were both dead without Children, that Baker Brooke did not get these Mulatto's by his wife, that he knew the people when he was two or three and twenty years old, by that they did not come into his walks after he went away to work, being asked how old Nell was, when he first knew her? said it was a great while ago, and that he don't know, not very old about thirty or perhaps forty years old, that he has heard his father talk of one Mr. Hubbard being a Roman Priest, and that he used to preach at a Chappell pretty near Major Boarmans, and that this Dependent don't remember ever to have seen him, and further saith not.

M^{rs} Simpson

Sworn to in open Court

Test R. Phiselin Clk.

Richard Boarmans

In the Provincial Court 27th May 1767.

William & Mary Bullon

Joseph Jameson aged fifty two years next December, being first sworn on the Holy Evangel's of almighty God in open Court, deposed and saith, that he knew Mrs. Nell very well, that she lived at Mr. J. Boarmans within a mile of his Father's, that she had a Daughter living with her, who died as a slave of Mr. Boarmans, and being asked how he knew she was a slave? says she worked among the other slaves and lived as they did, she then died, and Mr. Boarmans sent for a spade, and he went and gave it out of the mill, and went with them to the place where they put her in the ground, the old woman Nell was lamenting the loss of her Daughter, and said it was the greatest loss she had met with since she was married, some one there by standing asked her, who married her? and she answered, one Mr. Hubbard since that about thirty six or thirty seven years ago, Mr. Doyner happened at his Father's, Major Boarmans Charles was there of an errand sent, and his mother said to Mr. Doyner there was Major Boarmans's Charles the Miss hand of Eleanor Bullon, who Mr. Doyner said she and Madam William saw married, and the morning before they were married, My Lord Baltimore then was living at Major Boarmans was pleased to ask this Eleanor Bullon whether she was going to be married to Negro Charles that day or not? her answer to him was, she hoped she was that day to be married, who said to her, he was surprised she was going to marry a Negro, which she was likely enough to marry some one of her own Colour; her

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answer was, she had much rather be married to Negro Charles than his Lordship, he then said she did not consider what she was about or going to do, so that she did not bring only slavery upon herself, but all her posterity, that he knew negro Charles and that he was always reputed to be a Negro slave of Major William Boorman, that the said Negro Charles and Irish Nell were always deemed as man and wife, and did acknowledge themselves as such, that he knew several Children of Nell Buller named Kate, Moll, and Nan, that Kate had a Child named Pegg who was the mother of Moll, that he believes Kate at the time of her death was between sixty and seventy years old, that all the Descendants of the said Nell that he knew lived and died slaves they working and living as such except the said Kate who he had heard from the neighbourhood, and one Spalding had purchased her freedom, and further faith not.

Sworn to in open Court

Test R. Ghiselein Clerk.

Joseph Jameson.

William & Mary Buller In the provincial Court 27th May 1767.

Richard Boorman.

Mary Boorman aged seventy four years the fifteenth day of February next, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God in open Court do solemnly and faithfully, that she knew Eleanor Buller a white woman commonly called Irish Nell, that she was settled by Mary Boorman then a single man with her Children at a place where Gerard Boorman now lives called Sachiah Swamp near the old Bridges, that she lived within two miles of Irish Nell, that she knew some of her Children one called Kate, the other Moll, that she knew Nell as long as she can remember and that she supposes she was twelve or fourteen years old when she first took an account of her Kate, Nells Daughter has been dead between five and seven years. Kate had several Children, two of them she knew Jack and Sandy, that Kate was upwards of fifty years old when she died, that Kate and Moll when she first knew them were young women, and that she thinks Kate was fourteen or fifteen years older than herself, but cannot be certain, and that Kate was older than now, that she does not know that Moll was a free woman but appeared to her, to do as she pleased, that she was a hard labouring body, and made good Crops, and she believes Mr. Mary Boorman's family got them, that she has heard that Kate had a Daughter called Pegg to the best of her knowledge, that she has heard that Nell had a Daughter called Abby, and further faith not.

Sworn to in open Court

Test R. Ghiselein Clerk.

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Mary H. Croser
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Charles County 27th September 17th 1767. M^{rs} Elizabeth Warren aged sixty four years being duly sworn, do solemnly and faithfully, that she knew negro Charles who was a slave to Mr. William Boorman sixty years ago, as well a white woman named Nell, which said Slave and white woman she understood from all her acquaintances of those times, to be man and wife, and never heard,

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heard it disputed till some few years ago, and this Deponent, further saith that, as far back as she can remember she saw a Negro man named Jack at Major ^{Wm} Boarmans a person who went for the son of the aforesaid Charles and Betty, that she always understands from the neighbors he was a slave to said Boarmans that said Jack run away from his said Master, that W^m Boarmans son followed him to the lower parts of Virginia, and that said Jack bought his freedom, that he never returned as she knows of

Elizabeth ^{her} ^{mark} Mannes

Charles County, I certify that the above Deposition was taken at the Instance of W^m George Boarmans, in the presence of Negro William Butler this 17th September 1765.

By Geo Dent

September the 18th 1765. W^m Samuel C. Lovers son now aged seventy nine or thereabouts being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and says that his mother and Grand Mother, and old W^m Richard Adkins, and several other people about seventy years agoe he has often heard them say that a Negro man slave called John slave to Major William Boarmans, was manumitted to Eleanor Butler, and he has often heard it said they always went as man and wife, and the Deponent says he often heard Eleanor Butler, call the said Negro John her husband, and he saith he never heard the said Eleanor Butler had a base born child.

Samuel ^{his} ^{mark} Lovers son

Charles County September the 18th 1765. I certify that the above Deposition was taken before me

John Winter

Saint Mary's County. The deposition of John Branson aged eighty two years some time next month being first sworn on the holy Evangelists, declares that sixty two years ago he this deponent watched at William Boarmans in Charles County, at which time a mulatto man called Jack was put to work with him, which he was informed was a son of a white woman called Susannah and at that time he declares that the said Jack was about twenty four or five years old, and that he understood the said Jack was a slave, and that it was occasioned by his mother intermarrying with a slave belonging to the aforesaid William Boarmans, and further this Deponent saith not.

Taken before us the subscribers two of his Lordships Justices of the County aforesaid this 18th day of September Anno Domini 1765.

Jack Bond
Thos. Bond

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