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this behalf having first proved by Competent Testi-
mony that the said Boose had been sworn as a witness
tho' any objection being made in a petition for
removal against John Peca in Queen Anne's County Court
about ten years ago. They also proved that Mr.
Richard Jones the Defendant purchased the said
Robert Moody the petitioner from Mr. William
Peca fourteen or fifteen years ago, and that John
Peca was the only child and representative of
the said William Peca. Whereupon the Defendant
his Counsel objected to the admissibility of the
witness alleging him to be a negro of the descrip-
tion precluded by the act of assembly, but the Court
terminated that it was incumbent on the Defendant
to prove that the said Boose was a negro slave
free negro descended from a slave and there being
no witness called to establish either of those facts
the said Cesar Boose was permitted by the Court
to testify. Whereupon the Defendant by his counsel
accepted to the opinion and direction of the Court
and prayed them to sign and seal this his Bill
of Exception.

Thos. Correll (Seal)

Maryland, Queen Anne's County to-wit.

I hereby Certify that
the foregoing is truly and exactly taken and copied from the
Records and Proceedings of Queen Anne's County Court.

In Testimony whereof I have herewith
set my hand and Affixed the seal of my
Office this twentieth Day of May Anno
Domini Eighteen hundred and twelve.

J. John Browne Clerk
of Queen Anne's County Court.