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William Paca being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposes and saith that he married in Mr. Oulany's family in the year fourteen hundred and fifty three and that he was intimately acquainted with Mr. Oulany and all her children that he was well acquainted with the principal characters in the neighbourhood of Wye Island particularly with old Mrs. Blake and her son John Blake and her daughter Mrs. Widenstrant also with Edward Tighman, Hunsley, Robert Lloyd, William Tighman and old Cook Lloyd Mr. Brown and old Adam Gray M^r Grace and also with the Chees on Herring Bay: he further saith that as adm^r with the will annexed of Mrs. Oulany and as Ex^r of P. Lloyd Chee he had possession of all the papers and documents that related to old Phil. Lloyd's Estate. And the said William Paca deposes and saith that he never heard from any person whatever till lately of an Indian Girl being brought up on Wye Island or that there ever were on the said Island any negroes descendants of an Indian Woman; nor did he ever observe in any of the papers or documents aforesaid the least intimation of it. and he further deposes and saith that the first intimation he ever had of such Indian Woman or descendants was after the petition for freedom was filed and that intimation was given him in Annapolis by some person who had heard of the petition. sworn to the 30th May 1794 -
Before J. D. Chace

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Queries by William Paca to M^r. John Thomas

Did you ever hear from M^r. Thomas, your mother, or any of your Ancestors that Margaret the mother of the negroe who has petitioned for his freedom belonging to M^r. Chew, was a descendant from an Indian woman? Did you ever hear of an Indian Girl being brought up in Phil. Lloyd's family or Wye Island, or that there were any descendants on that island of Indian woman? Was not M^r. Thomas intimate at the late M^r. S. Chew, and often visited there?

When did M^r. Thomas die, of what age was she?

Whether she or M^r. Hepburn was the eldest sister?

I never did hear from my mother, or any of my Ancestors that Margaret was a descendant of an Indian woman; and I never did hear any thing of an Indian Girl being brought up in P. Lloyd's family. My mother the late Anne Thomas was intimately acquainted with the late Samuel Chew of Herring Bay, and has visited him there. He frequently visited her at West river. Anne Thomas died in May 1773 aged seventy. She was elder than her sister the late Mary Hepburn.

Given under my hands this 16th Septem^r 1794 -

Tom Carver

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Samuel Lloyd Chew

Petition for freedom in the General Court

Elizabeth Chew the widow of Samuel Chew

late of Queen Anne's County and State of Maryland aged sixty years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and saith that having heard Margaret the mother of Tom the petitioner when displeas'd with some one of the family, say that she the said Margaret would not be parted upon by no body, for that she the said Margaret was a free woman, free as any body, if she had her rights, this deponent was induced by the above circumstance upwards, of twenty years ago to make inquiry of M^rs. Mary Hepburne of Upper Marlborough in Prince Georges County and State of Maryland, which Mary Hepburn was the sister of Samuel Chew of Herring Bay in Anne Arundel County and then Province of Maryland which Samuel Chew intermarried with Henrietta Maria Lloyd, the only child of Philemon Lloyd of Queen Anne's County and Province aforesaid

Whether the said Margaret had any just pretensions to her free
dom and repeated to said Mary Hepburn what Margaret had
said as above stated, said Mary Hepburn answered, that it true
Margaret certainly is a free woman and not slave, because
said Margarets Mother was the Daughter of an Indian
woman a native of this Country who was brought up and lived
in the family of the said Philimon Lloyd of Queen Anns County
being asked when the above conversation happened,
the Depoent answers at Henning bay in Anne Anne
Arundel County at the dwelling house of the depoent
husband which dwelling house was some time afterwards
burnt down. And this depoent further saith that
she recollects that Mrs. Hepburn did say that
the Grand Mother of Margaret was a native
of this Country from the following Circumstances
when Mrs. Hepburn mentioned that Margarets
Mother was the daughter of Indian Woman,
the Depoent knowing that her husband
possessed Slaves, who were said to be the descendants
of an East India Indian, asked where the said
Indian (the Mother of Margarets Mother)
came from and she answered she was
a Native of the Country and was brought
up in the family of Philimon Lloyd aforesaid

Elizth Chew

Sworn before the Subscriber one of the Justices
of Queen Anns County this fourth day of
May 1793.

Perene ^{no} Fitzhugh

Tom Carver } Petition for Freedom
against } Petitioner's Interrogatories

Sam. Lloyd Chew

- 1st Do you know the parties in this suit and how long have you known them
- 2^d Do you know Margaret the Mother of the Petitioner and how long have you known her
- 3^d Did you know Rachel the Grand Mother of the Petitioner and is she dead or living
- 4th Do you know or have you been informed and by whom that the Petitioner or his Mother or Grand Mother was descended from a Native free Indian woman relate your Knowledge fully
- 5th Do you know any other matter or thing relating to the Petitioner's right to freedom if you do relate it

15th September 1794

G. Duwall

Joseph Mumford aged about 74 being sworn on the Holy Evangelis of almighty God deposes and saith.

That as to the first Interrogatory he has known the Petitioner Tom Carver for about five or six years
That as to the second Interrogatory he saith