

I Phineas Dean residing in Boston in the
County of Suffolk Mariner, testify and say,
that I was at the Island of Goree in February
last past which is ^{Island} on the Coast of Africa,
and when I was there, I saw at that place
the Schooner Charming Sally, ^{and ship} the same vessel
which I have this day seen in the Harbour
of Boston and now lies at Mill Creek Wharf.
The said Schooner was, when I first saw her
at Goree, under French Colours, and I went
on board said Schooner, and there saw Captain
William Robbins who said he was Master of
said Schooner, and I understood him to be
an American - and I also saw on board said
Schooner a person by the Name of George
Horn, and he appeared to act as Mate, but
whether he was in that capacity or not I know not
and I saw a number of Slaves on board said
Schooner, but how many there were on board
at that time I cannot tell - and I think said
Schooner is not far from one hundred Tons.
^{she had her name on her Stern in English -}
Burthen - And I saw on board said Schooner at
Goree Mrs Johnson, widow of Captain Johnson
who died on the Coast of Africa some little time
before I was on board said Vessel - and while
I was on board, I saw her with two of the naked
Slaves that were hand Cuffed, and I damned them -

and I heard her give directions to some sailors
to put some of the Slaves in Irons, that were
without them - and I heard her say to some of the
Slaves that were in Irons, that, they would not
come out of Irons again very soon - and
I understood she was owner of the said Vessel,
which she appeared to be, from her behaviour
on board - Phineas Dean

Question by Mr Blake - Where was you born?

Answer - In the town of Bedford in the County
of Middlesex ^{in this State} Phineas Dean

July 14-1803-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Suffolk ss on the
fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and three, Phineas Dean
the aforesaid Dependant was carefully examined
and duly cautioned to testify the whole truth
and nothing but the truth, and made solemn
Oath that the foregoing Deposition by him subscribed
is true - taken at the request of Isaac Sherman
of Boston in said County deposite to be used in the
trial of a Libel at the District Court of the United States
next to be holden at Salem in and for the District of
Massachusetts District, which Libel is filed on the second
Tuesday of September next - which Libel is filed in
^{they & there to be tried & adjudged}

said Court by Isaac Sherman of said against
 the Schooner Charming Sally - ~~and~~ Not knowing
^{or persons having the Agency or possession of} any persons interested in the said Schooner being
^{or their Agent or Attorney} within one hundred miles of the place of Caption, ~~and~~
 and not knowing of any person or persons interested
 in the event of the trial of said Libel or their Attorney,
 within one hundred miles of said place, no individual
 person was notified of the time and place of the
 taking of this Caption, but a notification directed to
 all persons concerned or interested in the property
 of the said Schooner, was duly left on board said
 Schooner by the Deputy Marshall of said District
 which notification gave timely notice of the time and
^{or intention} place of this Caption - but no person interested appeared -
 The said Dependent being bound on a Voyage to
 Sea is the cause of the taking of this Deposition -
 taken ^{up} before me and in my hand writing -
 My Commission Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
 Notification, and Summons
 Service of Notification, and Summons
 Dependent's Attendance
 taking & returning Deposition
 Caption and direction \$ 2.00.

Monday Dec 15 1803

Dear Mother

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