Statement of Mrs. Raee Porter
Res. Old Boston 2nd Feb 1st 1864

Petitioner
about the 5th of January was at the house of Dr. Williams who lives near me and is nephew to Mrs. Martin from whom I bought the wood. Dr. Williams told me that his aunt Martin had quite a quantity of wood that she thought she would sell and advised me to call on her. I asked him if he would go with me to see her but he declined doing so as he was very busy but said I might say to her that he had told me to call on her accordingly I went to her house and was shown into her room and very soon told her my business and why I had that I had called at the instance of Dr. Williams. She said that she had been thinking of selling some wood (having some that was situated in a remote place and liable to waste and in which was being wasted and having no one to look after it) but had not as yet determined to do so. I had been looking for her brother for several days to consult in regard to the wood. I asked her what I was paying for wood. She told me that I had not bought any and was really not able to tell her what wood was worth but that Mr. Haynes had bought from Mr. Andrews.
Duncan as agent for Judge Cooper. He would say that whatever Judge Cooper's farm was worth, he would give it if he could ascertain what that price was. He answered by saying that he was as well acquainted with Mr. Duncan as he had married a piece of his and any price he might tell would not satisfy her. About this time dinner was announced. Went to dinner. The remaining in her room when I first arrived at Mrs. Martin's I found Mr. Webb in the family room of Mrs. Gee, who lives with Mrs. Martin having rented her farm. After eating dinner, Mr. Webb and I talked over the farm, Mr. Webb, in a few moments, was sent for about the wood that he would her brother-in-law, Mr. Webb called me into Mrs. Martin's room, and in very short time not 10 minutes, Mr. Webb called me into Mrs. Martin's room and the conversation turned in regard to the wood. I remarked to Mr. Webb that I thought Mr. Martin was repeating the conversation had before dinner. The party myself present Mrs. Martin attending to the state of the wood. She said that if I bought the wood, she did not want any timber cut that would make rails, as Mr. Gee would have to have some rails made to repair the fences and the
Wanted them made over their meaning on
the place I was buying the wood off
the also said she did not want the small
trees, cut such as shade trees or sapping
I told her that if she sold me her wood
that I would cut only the timber I bought
and would be as particular with her in
just as my own and remarked that Mr. Gee
had better go over and mark such trees as
he desired should be left and I would most
certainly leave them which she said she would
try and get him to do. Well Mr. Porter, she said I
will send for my brother & consult him about
The matter & let you know in a few days
in the meantime you had better go over-
blocks at the wood Mr. Webb or Mr. Gee will
go with you show it to you all then left
and as we walked we walked along
dee we agreed that I should call at his house
the next day we would get Gee and go over
the the wood. Webb remarking I think
Porter that you will get the wood I
answered that it would be just owing to
Philip's notice when I rang the bell the
next day he came himself to open the
door and while at the door while I was
getting the snow off of my feet said Gee
ride off from where I's this morning and
has not got home yet after getting in to the sitting room the reashed of the gee riding up now just keep you that you'll fix up till him to get his dinner and in that time we will get a white toast and go on for the wood in a few minutes he sett for the wood in a few minutes he sett for the wood and has authorized you to say to you what you can go to say to whom you please. Just before the terms spoken of yesterday in a very fine minutes the sire came in and that being present the day before repeated the terms viz price to be the same given by says to Duncan sail trees saplings left tell says if it is it necessary for me to call on Mrs Martin at all about this trade do sir was the self the trade is all made and you may go to cutting as from you please and the sooner the better for some persons are cutting his wood all the time. I would add that I never had known or heard of the tract of land when I was cutting wood until Mrs Martin first told me of it this morning. I commenced cutting it called on you to go over with me I show me the lines and timber that did not want but the said he could not go to get coffee to show me the lines but that I knew the kind of timber to leave of called on.
Coffey, who is a free coloured man that lives on Mrs. Martin's land and immediately adjoining the woods sold to me, who went with me showed me the lines of the land upon which I was to cut the wood. I commenced cutting the wood in accordance with that contract and passed through Mrs. Martin's lots immediately by her house to from the chopping every day. She knowing that I was chopping the wood and after I had been chopping 3 weeks I think most honestly that it is too late for her to complain. To all of the above statements I am willing to testify to be true, I suppose I might with propriety add that when I have cut off all the wood on the place, I am now cutting Mrs. Martin still has a large abundance of timber to cut up her place as long as she and her children after her may live.

Rees W. Porter

I swear to the above
before me this 1st day of February 1860
as Chief Justice there.

Wm. Beasley
S.J.