

## UNITED STATES v. DAVIS.

{4 Cranch, C. C. 606.}<sup>1</sup>

Circuit Court, District of Columbia. Nov Term, 1835.

## WITNESS—MULATTO BORN OF WHITE WOMAN.

A mulatto born of a white woman, and not in a state of servitude by law, is a competent witness for a white man.

The defendant {Richard Davis} was indicted for an assault and battery with intent to kill one——Shorter, a colored man. Upon the trial, a mulatto man named Collins, born of a white woman, and not in a state of servitude by law, was admitted by the court to testify for the defendant, who was a white man.

See Act Md. 1717, c. 13, § 2.

<sup>1</sup> [Reported by Hon. William Cranch, Chief Judge.]

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