

State of Maryland - Calvert County - to wit:

me it remembered that on the eighteenth day of January in the year eighteen hundred & twenty eight personally appears Mr Benjamin W. Thurshaw before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State & for the County aforesaid & makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God - that in the year eighteen hundred & fourteen in the month of July or August as well as he remembers while the British Fleet lay in the River Patuxent in a short time after James Maason & Mathew Johnson & Benjamin Maason Slaves of John J. Moore Esq of the State & County aforesaid had absconded & gone to the British Forces as this Deponent hath understood & believes - he this Deponent had a conversation with Benjamin Maason Senr Father of Benjamin Maason Jr who had absconded as aforesaid & that the said Benjamin Maason Senr also slave of the said John J. Moore told this Deponent that he Benjamin Maason Senr had been on board of the British Fleet & had been his son Benjamin Maason Jr & had been treated very well & that he had seen had new clothes & a plenty to eat & drink - whereupon this Deponent remarked to the said Benjamin Maason Senr

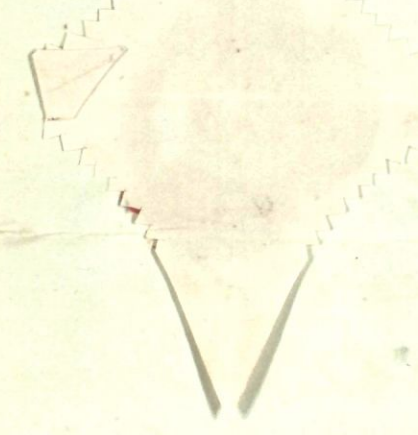
that he expected he would go to the
British also as his son was treated so
well - when the said Benjamin Mason
senr. replied that he would not go to
the British - & that in a few days
after the conversation aforesaid this
deponent met with Venus Mason
wife of the said Benjamin Mason senr.
& slave also of the said John J. Moore
who (Venus Mason aforesaid) told this
deponent that Benjamin Mason
senr. had gone off & at the time
of leaving home said he would go
to his son Benjamin Mason Jr. on
board of the British Steel & that the
said Benjamin Mason senr. at the time
of absconding (which fact is well
known to this deponent - but
when he went this deponent does
not certainly know - but from the
conversations aforesaid had with
the said Benjamin Mason senr. & Venus
Mason & from the circumstance
of the British Steel then lay in the
patience (were he this deponent
believes that the said Benjamin Mason
senr. went to the British) was about
fifty years of age & a rough Carpenter
& that the said Venus Mason is now dead.

& further this deponent saith not
sworn before

Aquillo G. Brown

State of Maryland, Calvert County

I hereby certify that Aquillo G. Brown dep. before
whom the within deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was
at the time of said deposition a Justice of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid
duly commissioned.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this County
first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and twenty eight.

William S. Morsell Clk of Calvert County
Court

State of Maryland - Calvert County to wit:

Be it remembered that on this nineteenth day of January in the year eighteen hundred & twenty eight personally appeared John L. Mack - all Esq. before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State & for the County aforesaid & makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that in the year eighteen hundred & fourteen in the month of July & as this deponent believes on the last day of said month - he this deponent about sunrise in the morning met Mrs. Benjamin Mason Lent ^{belonging to the estate of Major John Brooke then deceased whose only heir is Mrs. Brooke} of the County & State aforesaid about two or three miles from the dwelling plantation of the said Mrs. Brooke traveling in a direction to said plantation - whereupon this deponent enquired of the said Benjamin Mason Lent the cause of his being thus absent from home at that early hour - who answered that he had been on the way to see his relations - & further this deponent saith that after questioning the said Benjamin Mason Lent he told this deponent that he had been on board of the British Fleet & stayed all night for the purpose of persuading the said Mrs. Brooke's boys (meaning his nephews) to return home - & that while on board of the British he Mrs. Mason Lent had been treated very well & that the negroes who had gone to the British lived well & that the British officers had told him the said Mrs. Mason Lent that all the negroes who went to the British would certainly be free

& that this deponent left the County in
a few days afterwards & when he returned
he ascertained that the said mason
had gone off - & that this deponent
knew not where the said mason
went & thinks it probable that
he went to the British Forces or that
which they lay in the late winter
& further this deponent saith not -

sworn before

Aquilla G. Bowen
" " "

State of Maryland, Calvert County.

I hereby certify that Aquilla G. Bowen Esquire before
whom the within deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his
name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace of the said State in and for
Calvert County and said duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County
Court this twenty first day of January in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
eight.

William G. Morsell Esq. of Calvert
County Court

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Robert P. Dunlop Esq

Geo: Town

Street Columbia

Mail

State of Maryland - Calvert County - to wit:

me it remembered that on this Twenty second day of January - in the year eighteen hundred & twenty eight personally appears James Denton before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State & for the County aforesaid & makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that in the year eighteen hundred & fourteen near Merigamen Maron Senor Slave of John J. Brooke Esq^r of the State & County aforesaid came to the House of this Deponent apparently much distressed & said his Son Merigamen Maron Jr. was gone to the British & that he must go after him for fear his Master would punish him because his Son had gone - & that some time afterwards the said Merigamen Maron Senor came again to the House of this Deponent & told him he had been on board of the British Fleet to endeavor to persuade his Son Merigamen Maron Jr. to return home but could not do so because he was treated so well by the British - afterwards this Deponent observed the said Merigamen Maron Senor in conversation with his negroes & having a curiosity to know what he was talking about approached unobserved & listened & heard the said Merigamen Maron Senor persuading the negroes of him this Deponent to go to the British - telling them they would be free - & that his Son Merigamen Maron Jr. & others who had already gone were treated like a King - & that he the said Merigamen Maron Senor told the said negroes that he believed he would go to the British also although he was old - Whereupon this Deponent reprimanded the said Merigamen Senor to persuade his negroes

the threat & threatened him with the
consequences of so doing when he left
the farm of this deponent who hath never
seen him since - & who had no oppor-
-tunity of communicating with Geo. J. Brooke
as aforesaid until after he understood that
the said Benjamin Mason sent had already
-ed- over to the then disturbed state of
things - & further this deponent hath not
sworn before

Aquilla G. Bowen
" " "

State of Maryland, Calvert County D.

I hereby certify that Aquilla G. Bowen
Esquire before whom the foregoing deposition was made and taken and who has
hereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace of the
said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this
twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord
and thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

William J. Morse Esq of
Calvert County Court

Bro S. Brooks

Refuse to have claim
for my Bay Mountain
entered on Deposition list

R. P. Dunlop
agent.

20th Mar: 1828

Not within the act of
Congress therefore
not allowed.