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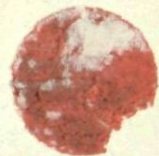
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not on deposition
L.S.

Mrs Mary Frazer
deposition



State of Maryland - Calvert County - to wit:

me it remembered that on this twenty
 first day of January in the year eighteen
 hundred & twenty eight personally appears
 Mr. James Mills 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
 he was in the habit of visiting ~~my~~
 frequently ~~the habit of~~ at the
 house of Mrs. Mary Frazer of the
 State & County aforesaid both before &
 during & after the late war between
 the United States & Great Britain & in
 fact that he this deponent had been
 raised in the family of the said Mary
 Frazer & was well acquainted with
 her slaves - that one of the said slaves
 named "John Farmer" absconded about
 the month of June - & another of the
 said slaves named "Flamet Harris"
 absconded in the month of July in the
 year eighteen hundred & fourteen & went
 to the British Fleet which then lay
 in the Chesapeake Bay or Patuxent
 River or both - as this deponent never
 believes - as he this deponent hath never
 seen the said slaves which absconded
 as aforesaid nor either of them since they
 went off & as slaves were then in the
 habit of absconding & going to the British
 as was the general report of the people
 - hood - at that time - & that the said
 John Farmer was about sixteen years

of age & the said Hamet Hans was
about fifteen years of age & that they
were brother & sister by the same mother
& two fathers - and further this deponent
saith not -

sworn before *Pinguin Bowen*

State of Maryland, Calvert County

I hereby certify that *Pinguin Bowen Esq*
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 aforesaid 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 S. Morse Esq
of Calvert County Court

To the Commissioners under the first Article
of the Treaty of Ghent -

The petition of the legal representative
of Mary Frasier deceased late of Calvert County, in the
State of Maryland, humbly sheweth -

That under the act of Congress passed during
or about the year 1817, to provide compensation to those
persons whose property had been destroyed by the British
forces during the late war - testimony was taken before
Thomas H. Wilkinson Esq. of Calvert County & returned to
Richard Oland Lee Esq. the Commissioner appointed
under that act - shewing the loss of a house in St
Leonards, ^{in Calvert County Md} which was burned by the British troops and also
the loss of a negro man named Jack, (otherwise called John
^{who eloped from here & joined the British Navy in the Bay -} that these disposi-
tions were taken for the purpose aforesaid, were filed in the office
of the said Commissioner - & now in one of the public offices
in Washington & have been there since the abolition of the office
of Commissioners created under that act, & the repeal of the
said act by Congress - That Mrs Mary Frasier died some time after this
leaving a family of young children - that no person has ever admin-
istered upon her estate - that the late John Law Esq. of Washington, had
been employed by Mrs Frasier as her agent, who died during the

Mary Frasier
Petitioner
enters on signature
R. P. [Signature]
agent

20th Nov: 1828

Not within the Act of
Congress therefore can
not be added to the
signature list

year 1822 — that from these causes the claim of Mary Fra-
zier's representatives has not been filed in the Department of State
in proper time & place upon the definitive list.

Your petitioners ^{in reply} beg leave the Commissioners to the
accompanying affidavit — which proves the Christian & surname
of one of the slaves lost by Mrs Frazier to be John Farmer
& they also refer the Commissioners to page 19 of the printed docu-
ments — for the name of John Farmer — appearing on the list of
colonial marines —

This evidence with it is presumed leaves no
doubt upon the minds of the Commissioners — that this man returned
by the British as a colonial marine — was the slave of Mary
Frazier — Had the claim of Mrs Mary Frazier, representa-
tives been placed upon the definitive list, with the evidence now
filed in support of that claim — & no doubt is entertained, but,
that the Commissioners would have allowed for the slave
John Farmer, returned upon the British list as a colonial
marine and in their possession within the limits of the U States
at the ratification of the Treaty of Peace. And
as a large portion of the fund, paid by the British government to
indemnify those persons, whose property had been removed from
the U State in contravention of the first Article of the Treaty of Peace,
still remains subject to be distributed by the Commissioners among
those properly entitled to the same — it is respectfully submitted
whether justice would not be promoted by the payment of this
claim, especially as by doing so — no other claimant could have
any just right to complain —

The petitioners contend for his proposition, that as
they shew one of the negroes claimed by them — to have been a colonial
marine, in the U States, at the period of the peace — & so shewn to be
by the evidence furnished by the British government — that the
claim ought to be considered as if it were filed in the Depart-
ment of State in time & place upon the definitive list —

And in support of this proposition they would beg leave to refer the
Commissioners — to the case of John M Gray, of Calvert County,
Maryland, & to the decision made by the Commissioners in that case.

John M Gray presents his claim for two slaves, lost by him viz.
Dolly Handy, & Sophy Handy — which claim was entered on the
definitive list for two slaves — Bayly's list of slaves on Tangier
Island, shewed three slaves to be there, the property of John M Gray.
The two already named — & one other — James Handy — in all probability
born after the elopement of Dolly Handy — see the evidence in the case
of John M Gray — & also in the case of James J. Bourne, also
decided by the Commissioners —

John M Gray was first allowed by the Commissioners for Dolly
& Sophy Handy — afterwards John M Gray — presented his peti-
tion to the Commissioners — setting forth the facts of his case & ^{requesting} ~~claiming~~
that his claim for James Handy, should be considered as if it were
placed on the definitive list — The Commissioners decided that
the claim should be ~~filed~~ ~~entered~~ entered on the definitive list ~~if~~
~~claim it is understood has been allowed.~~

No difference in principle can be perceived between the
case of Gray — & the claim of Mary Frazier's representatives, for
negro "John Farmer" —

Robert P. Dunlop
agent