

Maryland Saint Marys County to wit  
Be it remembered that on the second day of September  
Eighteen Hundred and twenty two, personally appears  
Matthias Clarke before the Subscriber a Justice of  
the peace in and for the County aforesaid and after  
having been duly sworn on the holy Evangel of al-  
mighty God depoveth and Saith that on the twenty seven-  
ing the nineteenth of February in the year Eighteen  
Hundred and fifteen, his Slave Nathaniel a yellow  
Man about thirty five year of age eloped from  
him, and has not since returned, and that he the  
deponent has just Cause to believe that his  
Said Slave Nathaniel, went immediately on  
board of one of his Britanick Majesty's Ships  
then lying in the Mouth of Saint Marys River  
and in view of his the deponent's dwelling place,  
the deponent further Saith Not

~~Matthias Clarke~~ and Subscribed  
to before

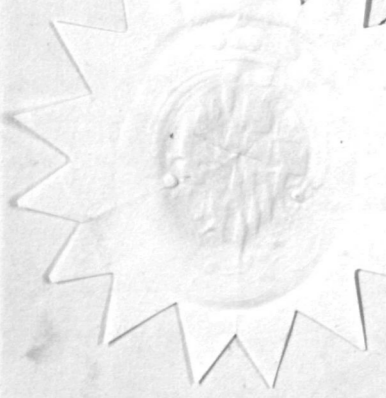
Jenifer Taylor

State of Maryland, Saint Marys County, to wit.

I hereby certify that Jenifer Taylor  
Gentleman before whom the several and aforesaid depo-  
sitions were taken and whose name appears there to signed,  
was at the time of taking and signing thereof and still  
is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland  
for the County aforesaid, duly Commissioned and qualified.

In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my name and affixed  
the seal of my office this 9th  
day of September 1822.

J. Harris CLK  
St. Marys County Co.



Maryland Saint Marys County to wit  
Be it remembered that on the second day of September  
Eighteen hundred and twenty two, personally appears  
George Loker before the subscriber a Justice  
of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and after  
having been duly sworn on the holy Evangel of al-  
mighty God, depoveth and Saith that on the twenty-  
seventh day of February in the year Eighteen Hundred  
and fifteen he the deponent was on board of his  
Britanick Majesty's Ship Havana then lying  
in Lynhaven bay, within the Cape of Virginia, and  
that he the deponent, saw Matthias Clarke's Slave  
Nathaniel on board of said Ship; the deponent  
further Saith that the said Slave Nathaniel  
shewed a disposition to return to his Master, but  
was prevented by the officers on board of said Ship  
the deponent further Saith Not

Sworn to before

Jenifer Taylor

George Loker

Maryland Saint Marys County to wit  
Be it remembered that on the second day of September  
Eighteen Hundred and twenty two, personally appears Robert  
Clarke before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in  
and for said County and after having been duly sworn  
on the holy Evangel of almighty God depoveth and  
Saith that on the twenty seventh day of February  
in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifteen, he the de-  
ponent accompanied by George Loker, went on board  
of his Britanick Majesty's Ship Havana, then ly-  
ing in Lynhaven bay, to apply for the restoration of  
Matthias Clarke's Slave Nathaniel, and that he  
the deponent then and there saw said Slave, and



Conceived with him the said Slave; that he the deponent obtained permission from the Captain of the said Ship, to take the said Slave, provided he were willing to return with him; that the said Slave expressed a willingness to return, but was prevented by some of the officers on board of said Ship;

the deponent further saith not

Sworn and Subscribed to before

Thos. Clarke.

Jenifer Taylor

WE the Undersigned having been called on by Mat: Thos. Clarke to set a valuation on his Slave agreeable to instructions from Mr. Adams Secretary of State, requesting all persons that lost Slaves to transmit, without delay to the department of State, authenticated proof of the Number of Slaves Carried away, and of their Value by the Current prices at which they might have been sold for at the time the loss was sustained do value and appraise his one as follows.

1 Negro Man Nathaniel aged thirty five years, valued at three Hundred and Eighty Dollars } \$ 380.00

Thomas J. Bennett  
Thos. D. Hall  
Mackey Smoot

Maryland Saint Marys County to wit  
Well remembered that on the second day of September Eighteen Hundred and twenty two personally appear Thomas J. Bennett, Thomas D. Hall, and Mackey Smoot, before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace, in and for said County and make oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God that the above Valuation is as near the Current price of said Slave at the time the loss was sustained as they can ascertain, and what such Slave would have sold for to the best of their Knowledge and belief -  
Sworn to before Jenifer Taylor

About Slaves taken by the British

Dep. Clerk

Clarke, Matthias - St. Marys Co. Md.  
2 Sept. 1822

Slave Nathaniel - 35 - \$380



State of Maryland Saint Mary's County to wit

On this Twenty first day of March, Eighteen hundred and Eighteen before me, William Dixon, a Justice of the peace, in and for said County and State aforesaid, personally appears, Miss Mary Clarke, of said County and State aforesaid, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, did depose and say, that on Sunday, or or about the Nineteenth day of February, in the year Eighteen hundred, and fifteen, that she saw, Nathaniel, a yellow man, the property of Matthias Clarke at her house -

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and year above written  
Wm Dixon

per  
Mary X Clarke  
Marke

State of Maryland, Saint Mary's County, to wit

On this Twenty first, day of March, Eighteen hundred, and Eighteen, before me, William Dixon, a Justice of the peace, in and for said County and State aforesaid, personally appears, Mrs Celia Smith of the County and State aforesaid, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, did depose and say, that on Sunday or about the Nineteenth day of February, in the year, Eighteen hundred, and fifteen, that she saw, Nathaniel, a yellow man, the property of Matthias Clarke, at her house -

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and year above written  
Wm Dixon

per  
Celia X Smith  
Marke

Saint Mary's County to wit:

I hereby certify that William Dixon Gentleman before whom the above and aforesaid Depositions was taken and signed was at the time of taking and signing the same, and still is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Mary's County aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, and to all whom acts as such due faith and credit is (and) ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as otherwise.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, this twenty third day of March Eighteen hundred and eighteen -

Jo: Harris  
St. Mary's County C.