

Dear Sir

Since I wrote you yesterday I have been enabled to procure a deposition which I hope may be sufficient, tho I much apprehend that the Commissioners will not revert to the claim having once rejected it. I will still endeavour to get proof of the man's being in Halifax, sent on from Baltimore next week, but as he is a seaman it is uncertain whether he can now be found

Y<sup>r</sup>s with respect

John W Chard  
29<sup>th</sup> July 1828

Calvert County to wit

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1828 personally  
appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the  
peace for the County of said Kelly Johnson  
a coloured woman & made oath on the Holy  
Evangelical God that she was in company with  
Harry Quary, David & General Saunders & a  
man by the name of Ellect belonging to  
Wellham ward, that she heard Harry talking  
with his sister (since dead) on the subject of  
going to the British, that she advised him to go  
that he said he was going that the Boys were  
waiting for him, that they started together to  
the Bay on Sunday evening & the next morning  
they were all miles from their homes  
& further this deponent sageth not

Sworn to before Walter Dorsey  
W. D.

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit

On this 12th day July 1828 personally appeared Richard  
Deale before me the Subscriber a Justice of the  
Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made  
oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God  
that Negro Harry the property of John A Chew  
who absconded to the British in the fall of  
eighteen hundred and fourteen together with General  
and David Sanders was called & known by the  
name of Harry & Mary Iron to be before

Richard Stevey  
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Calvert County Nov: 25<sup>th</sup> 1822

Dear Sir

In the autumn of eighteen hundred and fourteen I had two negro men who ran off to the British for whom I have hitherto neglected to exhibit any claim. The only proof we have that the negroes who went off at that time were received by the British will be from Mr. Skinner who happened to be on board of the fleet at the time off Sharps Island & heard them tell to whom they belonged. A letter of Mr. Skinner's relative to this business to Mr. Edward Reynolds is now in the Secretary of State's office enclosed in Documents sent on by a Mrs. Martha Wilson who lost a number of negroes at the same time. This letter of Mr. Skinner connected with the circumstances that one of

my men & one of Mr. Reynolds's who went off at  
the same time were found as marines on board  
the British fleet after peace, may perhaps be  
sufficient evidence. Should you think otherwise if  
you will please to enclose me a copy of Mr. John-  
son's letter to refresh his memory & he has promised  
me a deposition of the facts contained in it.

You will please to consider yourself as engaged  
to attend to this business for myself & Mr. J. Reynolds  
& if you think there is any chance of being remun-  
erated I will send on the proofs as soon as I hear  
from you

Yrs. respectfully

John H. Chee

to be filed with the Board.

personally appeared before the subscriber a  
Justice of the peace of Calvert County State of  
Maryland John H Chew of the county and State  
aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelists  
of Almighty God that his man Harry who  
eloped to the British in the fall of eighteen hun-  
dred and fourteen together with David and general  
Saunders was called and known at home by  
the name of Harry Quary

Thos Mitchell

November 26<sup>th</sup> 1827

State of Maryland Calvert County

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman to whom  
the above affidavit appears to have been made and who has thereto subscribed  
his name was at the time of so doing and still is one of the State of Maryland  
Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commisi-  
-oned & sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed  
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert

State of Maryland Calvert County ss.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1823 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the County aforesaid John W. Chew and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that some time in the Autumn of Eighteen hundred and fourteen two men slaves to the said Chew absconded from his service a British Squadron at that time lying off Sharp's Island in sight from his door. One of the men named Harry aged about forty years the other named David or David Sanders aged twenty one

Sworn before  
James Hollingshead

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for Calvert County Joseph Blake and Thomas Reynolds of the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they know the negroes described in the above deposition and that in their estimation Harry at the time of his elopement ~~was~~ would have sold for three hundred dollars and David for five hundred dollars

Sworn before  
James Hollingshead

8 of March 1823

State of Maryland Calvert County

I certify that James Hollingshead Gentleman before whom the within affidavits appear to have been made and whose signature is thereto respectively affixed was at the time of the making and signing the same and still is one of the Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County legally commissioned and qualified and to all acts of his as such due faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in courts of Justice as throughout

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office this 12<sup>th</sup> March anno Dom. 1823.

William S. Mordell  
of Calv. County Court.

Given, John H. Calvert Co. 11<sup>th</sup>  
deposited by  
Muelnick, Geo. S. - 24 April 1825.

Two Shares - \$800

Henry - 40 - \$200  
David Linder - 21 - \$100

The slave Davy Sumner was on board the Orlando see Bailey's List B. The name of Henry Quincy, of which fact the agent begs permission to present evidence whenever the board shall ~~have~~ have determined upon the case of the said boat as evidence.

Respectfully  
D. A. Hall.



Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of Calvert County State of Maryland John H. Chew of the County & State aforesaid & made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that his man Harry who absconded to the British in eighteen hundred & fourteen together with David & General Saunders was called & known by the name of Harry Query

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the annexed affidavits appears to have been made and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing and still is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned and sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty seven

William S. Morse Clerk of  
Calvert County Court

