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Benj<sup>n</sup> Phillips  
of Maryland  
5 Slaves

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Mr Wirt W. B. L. Lear  
Agents.

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24<sup>th</sup> July 1828 - allow<sup>d</sup> for  
Five Slaves taken from  
Maryland @ \$280 each  
making \$1400 - Int. reser<sup>v</sup>.

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These are to Certify, That Benjamin Phillips, a native of Dorchester County, State of Maryland, and for many years a resident at Fishing Creek, that divides Hoopers Island and Meekings Neck, in the said County; had taken from him by the British, on or about the Fourteenth Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen, Five Negro Slaves, of healthy constitution and good condition, his bona fide lawful Property; all of whom, We the undersigned, were personally acquainted with - and whose Names and Sexes are hereunto annexed.

We do appraise, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Negroes to be each and severally worth the sum and sums of money set opposite to their names, at the time they were taken away from him by the British: -

Names.	Sex.	Age	Value
Jerry	Male	27 or 28 years	350 Dollars
Mattha	Female	23 or 24 do.	250 "
Joseph	Male	near 6 do.	200 "
Mary	Female	near 5 do.	175 "
Jerry	Male	between 2 & 3 do.	100 "
			<u>\$ 1075. -</u>

Maryland Dorchester County to Wit On this 2nd day of March 1824 personally appears before Me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Said County Benjamin Phillips and Makes Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the above named Negroes according to the Valuation Was taken and Carried away by the British to the best of his Knowledge Sworn to before *Arthur Lewis*

Maryland Douthurst County to wit On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of March 1824 personally appears before me the  
Subscribed a Justice of the peace in and for Said  
County Charles Aron and Makes Oath on the Holy  
Evangel of Almighty god that he believes that the  
Within Mentioned Negroes agreeable to the  
Valuation Was taken away from Benjamin  
Phillips and Carried off by the British  
to the best of his knowledge Sworn to before

Ruben Lewis

Maryland Douthurst County to wit On this 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day of March 1824 personally appears before me  
the Subscribed a Justice of the peace in and for  
Said County Henry Parker and Makes Oath on  
the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that the  
Within Mentioned Negroes agreeable to the  
Valuation Was taken and Carried away  
from Benjamin Phillips by the British to  
the Best of his knowledge Sworn to before

Ruben Lewis

Maryland Douthurst County to wit On this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1824 personally appears before me the  
Subscribed a Justice of the peace in and for Said  
County Matthew Wallace and Makes Oath on  
the Holy Evangel of Almighty god that the  
Within Mentioned Negroes agreeable to the  
Valuation Was taken and Carried away from  
Benjamin Phillips by the British to the best of  
his knowledge Sworn to before

Ruben Lewis

Maryland Douthurst County to wit On this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1824 personally appears before me  
the Subscribed a Justice of the peace in and for  
Said County Elias Crigton and Makes Oath  
On the Holy Evangel of Almighty god that  
the Within Mentioned Negroes agreeable to  
the Valuation Was taken and Carried  
away from Benjamin Phillips by the  
British to the Best of his knowledge  
Sworn to before

Ruben Lewis

Maryland Douthurst County to wit On this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1824 personally appears before  
me the Subscribed a Justice of the peace in and  
for Said County Capt. John Parker and  
Makes Oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty  
god that the Within Mentioned Negroes  
agreeable to the Valuation Was taken and  
Carried away by the British in his name  
from Benjamin Phillips to the Best of  
his knowledge Sworn to before

Ruben Lewis

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit I hereby Certify  
that Reuben Lewis Gutterman before whom the aforesaid  
Depositions appears to have been taken and whose name is  
thereunto subscribed was at the time of so doing and now is one  
of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid duly  
Commissioned and Sworn



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the public seal of my Office this 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of ~~March~~ 1824

Richardson C. H.

Maryland  
Benjamin Phillips' claim

for claim, under treaty of 1763.

Jerry  
Meatha  
Joseph

Mary  
Henry

with of Benjamin &  
S. Perkins

State of Maryland  
Dorchester County Court

Be it known that on this 29th day of November One thousand eight hundred and twenty four Before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for Dorchester County, personally appeared ~~Matthew Travis Matthew Wallis Matthew Travis~~ ~~Francis In Francis Tolley and Henry Parker and Capt. John Parker~~

all respectable inhabitants of Dorchester County aforesaid to me well known and worthy of full faith and credit and severally made oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God that they are well acquainted with Benjamin Phillips of Dorchester County aforesaid for many years a resident at Fishing Creek that divides Hoopers Island of Neekings Neck in said County that said Benjamin Phillips had taken from him by the British on or about the fourteenth day of September One thousand eight hundred and fourteen five negro slaves named Jerry, Martha, Joseph, Mary and Jerry all of healthy constitution and good condition and the bonafide property of said Benjamin Phillips, that they were personally acquainted with said five negro slaves and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the said slaves at the time they were taken away from said Benjamin Phillips by the British were worth the sum and sums of money set opposite their respective names or hereunder written

Names	Sex	Age	Value
Jerry	male	27 or 28 years	= 350 dollars
Martha	female	23 or 24 "	= 250 "
Joseph	male	near 6 "	= 200 "
Mary	female	near 5 "	= 175 "
Jerry	male	between 2 & 3 "	= 100 "
			Dollars \$ 1075

That said Benjamin Phillips is a native of Dorchester County

aforesaid and that the said slaves have not, nor had either  
or any of them, returned or been returned by any one to said  
Benjamin Phillips. Sworn to before me and certified  
by me date as within.

Reuben Lewis

Matthew Travers

Matthew Wallis

Matthew Travers Junior

Travers Talley

Henry Parker

Capt. John Parker

State of Maryland District of Dorchester County, to wit, I hereby  
Certify that Reuben Lewis Gentelman before whom the  
within Deposition appears to have been taken and whose  
name is therein subscribed was at the time of so doing and  
now is one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County  
aforesaid duly Commissioned and Sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the public seal of my office  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1824

Richardson



Affidavit of ~~Six~~  
persons, to the taking  
of 5 slaves of Benj-  
Phillips -

filed March 21<sup>st</sup> - 1828

Honble William West  
 Attorney General of the United States }  
 Washington.

Baltimore  
 December 6. 1824

Sir,

Enclosed, I send you the additional proof relative to Benjamin Phillips five slaves, which, I believe, is now in the order you wish, and recommend his case to your particular attention.

I also send you a proof relative to a slave of Thomas Wallace a Neighbour of Benjamin Phillips, which Wallace has enclosed to me, and desired me to forward to you with Phillips. The affidavit was drawn here, and the same directions given to fill up the blanks as given to Phillips; but the Magistrate who took the affidavit has not done it with the same care as the one employed in Phillips case, tho' from the signatures of the several persons at foot, I presume they all have sworn to the same fact, I hope it will answer the purpose, if you think it will not, please inform me, that I may endeavor to get another before the navigation is closed.

I also enclose Wallaces own affidavit relative to the taking said slave.

I am respectfully Sir &c  
 (signed) Jas. Gice



*In Gift to Wm. Abbot.*

*Pal. 6 Decr 1824.*

*in relation to Thomas*

*William's Poem; also*

*A. Phillips's for Thomas.*