

Acct. 557
Benj. T. Kendall Realeyord

Board divided

May 21 - 1828 allow for
one slave from ^{and} ~~and~~ of his
claim taken from Virg. @
\$200 - Interest reserved

24th Mar: 1828

Allowed for six slaves
~~from~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{from}
taken from Maryland
@ 280 - \$1400

Interest reserved of the
claim reserved

Taking of all proved

Proof Board divided.

Benj. F. Fendall
Affiant Concerning
the loss of his vessel
filed July 26th 1828

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Mr. Augustus Keate



Washington
D.C.

District of Columbia }
County of Alexandria } To Wit

John Hughs appeared before me the
Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid
and made oath that when the Private Squadron was in
the Port of Alexandria on or about the 30th day of
August 1814 they took from the Ship *Ford*
belonging to him the said Hughs in the Town of
Alexandria the Schooner *Little Eliza* belonging to
Benjamin F. Fendall — Given Under my hand
the 25th day of July 1828

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[Handwritten initials]

Dear Sir

Ahead is the Deposition of John Allen the
Ship Carpenter from whose yards my vessel was
taken. It has been so long he has no recollection of
his vessel, nor do I know where I could obtain his
testimony on that subject. I supposed I might get
from the Custom House here a Certificate of his
Tonnage & age if you think necessary. Having al-
ready obtained a Certificate from the Clerk of
the County that Mr. Allen ^{is} legally authorized
to act as Magistrate which is filed with the

Depositions in my negro claim. I deemed it un-
-necessary on this occasion

Yrs Resp^{ly}

Benj^r Y. Wendell

N.B. Should there be any thing further, necessary
for me to do please write me.

Benjamin F. Fendall

Benjamin F. Fendall,

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Applicant of

Benjamin F. Fendall

Louis B. Fonda

Robert Alexander

Application and evidence on the part of Benth
J. Fendall for slaves lost during the late war.

Names of Slaves	Ages of Slaves	Value of Slaves when Carried away
James	Thirty years	Five hundred dollars
Summerville	Twenty Three	Four hundred dollars
Brookes	Seven years	Three hundred dollars
Loyd	Six years	Three hundred dollars
Townsend	Five years	Two hundred fifty
Carter	Four years	Two hundred

Alexandria County District of Columbia
Be it remembered that on this Twenty third
day of May in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty
three Personally appeared Josias B. Ford and
Robert Alexander before the subscriber a Justice
of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and made
oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that
the negroes above named Slaves of Benjamin Fendall
went off from the farm of said Fendall in Charles
County, State of Maryland - in company with two slaves
belonging to Josias B. Ford, one of these defendants, and
several other slaves belonging ~~to the~~ to the

Neighbourhood; To the enemy when encircling the
 Potomack in the month of Sept. 1814 on the day
 succeeding the attack on the enemy at Indian head
 that the said slaves were known to these deponents
 for many years, and they would suppose were aged
 as above stated, and would have sold at the time
 they were carried away, for at least the sum annexed
 to their respective names in the foregoing list.

At the same time appeared Benjamin Hurdall
 Hurdall and made oath on the holy Evangelists
 of Almighty God to the truth of the foregoing statement
 to the best of his knowledge & belief

N. J. Wise

557 Slaves
 Fendall B. J. Charles Co. Md
 Recd. 20 Oct. 1823

6 Slaves \$1950

James	—	\$500
Simmons	—	400
Brookes	—	300
Soyd	—	300
Townsend	—	250
Carter	—	200
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City of New York ss.

Before me Judah
Hammond Esquire, a justice of the peace
in and for the City and County of New
York, personally appeared John Wheelwright
of the City of New York, ~~residing~~
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty
God, did depose and say, that in the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
and twenty, this deponent was in Halifax
Nova Scotia, where he saw a negro man
named James Stith, and a woman named
Nancy Summerville, who acknowledged
that they had been the property of Benjamin
T. Fendall of Alexandria, and that they
were taken off by the British during the
late war; and this deponent further saith
that Nancy Summerville informed him
that her husband Primus Mitchell and
her four children were carried off at the
same time, and at the time this deponent
saw her, she stated her home was on a farm
a few miles distant from Halifax; and
this deponent further saith that James Stith
informed him that two negroes, to wit,
Peter Bell and Fidello, came with him
to Halifax, and that Bell died soon
after his arrival, and Fidello was sick
in the poorhouse, at that time, and not
likely to recover - and further this
deponent saith not - In faith and

testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand, this thirty
first day of December in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & twenty seven -

John Wheelwright

Sworn this 31 Day of
December AD. 1827
before me

Judge Hammond
Justice of the Peace in
and for the City and County
of New York

Deposition of
John Wheelwright
for
Benj. G. Furdall
Additional evidence
in the case of Benj.
G. Furdall
filed Feb 19th 1828



State of New-York, } ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, }

I, NICHOLAS DEAN, Clerk of the City and County of New-York, and Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said City and County, **Do hereby Certify,**

THAT *Judah Hammind of the said City*
Coop. whose name is subscribed to the jurat
of the annexed deposition was on the day
of the date of said jurat a Justice of the
Peace in & for the said City & County, duly
appointed & sworn & further that signatures
of Judah Hammind to subscribed is in
the proper hand writing of the said Justice

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand, and affixed
the Seal of the said Court, this

31 day of Dec 1827

N. Dean

Deposition
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in the Case
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District of Columbia }
County of Alexandria } To wit. Personally appeared before
me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County
aforesaid Mary J. Heudall of said County, and made oath
on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that a negro man
the property of John J. Stoddert of Charles County State of Ma-
-ryland who was known, and went by the name of Primus
Stitchell was the husband of a negro woman (the property
of Benjamin J. Heudall) called Nancy Somerville; and that
the said negroes, and that the said negroes went to the British
Ships on their passage down the Potomack in the year 1814 and
carried with them four Boys the Children of said Nancy
Somerville -

Given under my Hand and Seal
at Alexandria this Eleventh day of
January 1828 - M. S. Wise.

District of Columbia }
Alexandria County } Set

I Edmund Lee Clerk of the United
States Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for the County
of Alexandria, do hereby Certify, that Nathaniel S. Wise
Esq. before whom the foregoing affidavit appears to have been made
was at the time of subscribing thereto, and now is a Justice of the
Peace for the County of Alexandria, duly Commissioned and sworn,
and that to all his official acts, due faith and credit are and
ought to be given, as well in Courts of Justice as thereout.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the seal of the said
Court this 12th day of January 1828

Edm. Lee



The Disposition of John Mafey of Newfull age taken at the
 house of Philip Haughton in the County of Middlesex State of
 Virginia this 19th day of December 1827
 The Deponent being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of
 Almighty God, saith, that in the year Eighteen hundred
 & twenty while he was living with Mr George Johnston a
 Merchant at King George's Courthouse in the County of King
 George's State of Virg^a as a Clerk in the said Johnston's
 Store - he the Deponent was sent by said Johnston as Super-
 cargo in a Vessel to Halifax in the British Province
 in Nova Scotia with a Cargo of Corn &c. that while there
 he the Deponent saw in the said Province of Nova Scotia
 many of the runaway Slaves from the United States of
 America & conversed with several of them that among
 those he conversed with was a Negro Woman known by the
 Name of Nancy Somerville, commonly call'd Somerville
 and three or four of her Children also a Negro Man named
 James which said Slaves I well knew in Virginia as
 the property of Benjamin Fendall of Alexandria. I have
 been up & down the Potomac River frequently with the
 said James who acted as a Sailor in his Master's
 (the said Fendall's) Vessel that the said Negro Woman
 Somerville I know while the property of Thomas Lord
 Dade Esq of Albion in the County of King George's
 Father in Law to said Fendall as I was brought up
 in the County of King George's near Neighbourn to said
 Thomas Lord Dade I was well acquainted with most
 of his Negroes. The Deponent further saith that the
 way he happened to see so many of the runaway
 Slaves from Virg^a was, that the ship could be sent to
 Bay from Halifax is a town opposite to Halifax
 which he thinks was call'd Dartmouth where the
 British agent was carrying out seed potatoes and
 farming utensils to those black people of that
 his

Deponent of
 John Mafey

for

Benjamin Fendall

Attorney at Law

in the case of King's

v. Stuart

filed Feb 19th 1828

His Curiosity afterwards induced him to go to the Settlement
where the Slaves resided. When Numbers of them
knowing him in Virg. came & conversed with him & Enquired
after their friends & Relations of Amoy the best Mr Fendell
Woman Somerville who sent a letter by this deponent to her
former Mistress Mrs Fendell wife of said Boy Fendell
which ~~she letter~~ she brought & left with a friend of Mrs
Fendell in Alexandria (she not being at home), this deponent
further saith that she kept those in three different parts
of the County of King George, two of which were not far from
Albion the seat of said Towns land Dade Esq. & that he
was well acquainted with the said Woman Somerville
she being a favorite & valuable house servant, & was
as this deponent understood & believes given by said Dade
to his Daughter Mrs Fendell this deponent further
saith that he told all those Negroes who wished to
write to their Masters or friends, that he would not
bring any letter without reading it before it was sealed
this deponent further saith that while in the aforesaid
house of Dartsmouth in conversation with the aforesaid
Negros many persons calling themselves British
sailors, & stating that they had been in & belonged to the
British Squadron that was in the Chesapeake Bay
would come up while this deponent was conversing ^{with} the
said black people & Enquire what they the said blacks
would say to him about their leaving the United States
Virg. that they the said blacks left the Tangier Island
after they got the news of peace - this deponent did
not know the sailors who came up while the Negroes
themselves were conversing but they were white persons
& said they were sailors & were with the aforesaid British
Squadron when they left the United States & further
this deponent saith not

John M. Maffey
" " "

Virginia ~~King~~ King County to wit

This day John Maffey
personally appeared before us Philip Houghton &
Edward Robertson (in our County aforesaid) Justices
of the peace for the said County & signed & made oath
to the within Exposition according to Law given under
our hands & seals this 19th day of December 1827

Philip Houghton

Edward Robertson

Virginia

King George County to wit

I Thomas W. Lightfoot clerk of the
County court of King George in the State of Virginia do hereby
certify that Philip Houghton and Edward Robertson Esq.
before whom the foregoing oaths were taken are acting
Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid regularly
commissioned and qualified and that full faith and credit
are due to all their acts as such as well in Courts of justice
as otherwise.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of the
said Court this 19th day of December
1827 in the 37th year of the
Commonwealth.
T. W. Lightfoot

King George County to wit

I John S. Stoughton providing or elder
Justice of the Court of King George County in the State of
Virginia do hereby certify that Thomas W. Lightfoot is clerk
of the Court of said County and that his attestation is in
and from of Law. Given under my hand this 19th
day of December 1827.

John S. Stoughton

The claim of Benjamin F. Fendall of the District of Columbia County of Alexandria presented before the Board of Commissioners for adjudication

By reference to the definitive list, supported by the depositions of Josias B. Ford & Robert Alexander the Board will see, that the claimant lost, during the late war between England and the United States, a negro man named ^{James or} James Stith, and a negro woman named Nancy Summerville and her four children. A part of which said negroes are now found on the Hallifax list, 174, Nancy Summerville (as the wife of Primus Mitchell) and three children. The Deposition of Mary J. Fendall will shew that Primus Mitchell was the husband of Nancy Summerville and that they were carried off by the British in the year 1814 together with four Boys, the children of said Nancy Summerville - and that said Primus Mitchell was generally known and went by that name -

The Deposition of John Wheelwright Shew, that he was in Hallifax in the year 1820 where he saw a negro man named James Stith and a woman named Nancy Summerville who acknowledged they had been the property of Benjamin F. Fendall of Alexandria, and had been carried off by the British during the late war, and that Nancy Summerville informed him that her husband Primus Mitchell and her four children were carried off at the same time.

The Deposition of John Mapes Shew, that in the year 1820 he was in Hallifax; that he saw and conversed with a negro man named James, and a negro woman named Nancy Summerville, and that he had previously and personally known them, as the property, of Benjamin F. Fendall, and that the said negro woman Nancy Summerville had with her three or four children, which he also saw and that

He was informed by the aforesaid negroes, that they left
the Tangier Islands, after they got the news of Peace. which
information was confirmed by many white persons calling
themselves British sailors, and stating that they had been
in and belonged to the British Squadron that was in the
Chesapeake Bay. Now, altho' James Steth and one of
the Children of Nancy Somerville are not found on the Halifax
list. The facts that they went off with the others, and were all in
Halifax in the year 1820. and did not leave the Chesapeake
until after articles of Peace were ~~signed~~ ^{ratified}, appear to be well
sustained by the accompanying Deposition - Compensation
is therefore asked for the aforesaid negroes Wm James Steth
and Nancy Somerville and her four Children at the
Maryland Average with Interest till paid

Claim of
Depositor J. Steth

reconsider - Submitted April 3 1828.

It is admitted by the Board that 5 of the Negroes claimed were here after
the peace - the case is suspended as to one of the Children of Nancy.
It is not the presumption of the strongest character that another
child was with its mother at the time of the peace. we must
recall that the evidence proves that they were in the Chesapeake
at the return of peace - But it may be said, it does not appear that
the child was with its mother in Halifax. True but that might be
an accident in taking the list; and in the conversations in 1820 not
one word is said of the death of any - again if one did die, it
was between the time of the sailing from the Chesapeake, & the
time of taking the list in April 1825 a period of about 2 months.
See depositions - John Wheelwright & John Mapey - Recd
April.

Application and Evidence on the Part of
 Lorias B. Ford for Slaves lost during the late war

Names of Slaves	Ages of Slaves	Value of Slaves when Carried away
Peter	Thirty four years	Five hundred dollars
Fidelio	Nineteen years	Seven hundred dollars

Alexandria County District of Columbia

Be it remembered that on this Twenty third day of May in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty three Personally appeared Robert Alexander and Benjamin J. Fendall before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County, and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the negroes above named, Slaves of Lorias B. Ford, went off from the farm of said Ford in Charles County State of Maryland, in Company with the Slaves of Benjamin J. Fendall (one of these deponents and others in the neighbourhood, to the enemy when descending the Potomack in the month of Sept 1814 on the day succeeding the attack at Indian Head that the said Slaves were known to these deponents for many years, and they would suppose were aged as above stated, and would have sold at the time they were carried away, for at least the being annexed to their respective

names in the foregoing list. At the same time appeared
Josias B. Ford, and made oath on the holy Evangelists
of Almighty God, to the truth of the foregoing statement
to the best of his knowledge. Verily

A. J. White

Josias B. Ford

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Affidavits of

Josias B. Ford,

Buy. T. Furdale &

Robert May and

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Books 700

Receipts 500

Dec 20 1823

Josias B. Ford

Slaves

The claim of Lucius B. Ford, *deceased*, late of Charles County State of Maryland, Presented before the Board of Commissioners for adjudication by Benjamin J. Fendall Executor of said deceased.

By reference to the definitive list, supported by the depositions of Robert Alexander & Benj. J. Fendall The Board will see that the claimant lost during the late war between England and the United States, two negro Slaves named Fido and Peter, or Peter Bell. Their names are not found on the Documents furnish'd by the British, but the deposition of John Wheelwright furnish'd in support of Benjamin J. Fendall's claim, and now before the Board, will show that they were in Halifax in the year 1820, and that they came there with the negroes of said Fendall. Peter Bell as stated in the deposition died of the smallpox soon after his arrival and Fido was then ill in the Poor house not likely to recover, neither of them of course were seen by this deponent. The deposition of John Wheelwright taken also in support of said Fendall's claim and now before the Board will show, that they all left the Chesapeake after they heard of Peace. That is the negroes of said Fendall and Ford. Compensation is therefore asked for said negroes Fido and Peter or Peter Bell at the Maryland average with interest till paid.

In the evidence of Benj. J. Fendall a deponent called John Wheelwright states that James Stith told him that Peter & Fido came with him to Halifax - The Board awarded for James Stith in the above cited case, & I should humbly conceive that the claim of Mr. Ford stands upon the very same grounds as the claim of Mr. Fendall for James Stith.

Wm. Keale
Agent.

State of Maryland, Calvert County Co.

I hereby certify that Young Carran Esquire before whom the
within deposition was made ^{was} 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 sworn.

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

William G. Morsell Clerk of
Calvert County Court