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Alexander Grier

3 Slaves

May 22 - 1828 allow-  
ed for 3 slaves taken from  
me - @ \$280 - \$840

Ant: received

14<sup>th</sup> Mar: 1828

Taking proved

Slaves  
Greer Alex<sup>r</sup>. Smith's Dist Md  
8 May 1823  
Recd 20 sets - "

3 Slaves  
Joshua \$ 500  
York — 500  
Moses — 500

30 sets

Applicant Greer  
Cor.  
Applicant of  
Alexander Sherb  
Subjects of John  
T. Hodgins & Lowmell  
Hanson

Slaves by B. O. Safford Esq<sup>r</sup> -  
Washingt<sup>n</sup> City  
Genl Henry Sartan  
Alex: Greer

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Smiths Point 8<sup>th</sup> May 1823

Dear Sir // I enclose you by Mr. Taylor, all the  
vouchers that is in my power to obtain, about  
my Negroes being taken off by the Enemy.  
Mr. Stoddert has wrote to Capt. Benjn. T. Fendall  
in Alexandria, who had slaves that went in  
company with Stodderts two Men, to make  
a deposition respecting them, and inclose it  
to you, Mrs. Dyson in this Neighbourhood,  
had a Man that went to the British the  
same time that mine did, I will call on her  
to get what testimony, she can about her  
Negro Man, and send it to you,  
Should you deem it necessary that Stoddert  
should make Oath to the facts stated in his  
letter, Be pleased to write me when convenient  
and direct to Nanjemoys Post office.

I am With Much Esteem  
Yours Sincerely

Alexander Green

Col Henry Ashton

P.S. (God willing) I will be in your City about  
about the 26<sup>th</sup> I not on my way to Baltimore  
when I will do myself the pleasure in  
calling on you -

A.G.

John H. H. H.

Major Alexander Green

Smith's Point

Charles County

Frost Station, Char. County, April 20, 1823

Dear Sir

you request me to state "whether or not it was admitted by a British officer that your negroes were on board of their Squadron" - I will detail the facts as nearly as my memory will enable me at this distance of time; I was appointed by General Smart to be the bearer of a flag to the Enemy when descending the Potomack - I boarded a part of the Enemy's Squadron who were detained by the accident of one of the Ships getting aground at the Ketts bottom - The Ship I boarded, I believe, was the *Euryalus*, Captain Stapier commanding; during conversation with the officers whom I found in the Captain's Cabin I mentioned the circumstances which you had related to me about your negroes, manifesting a disposition on their part to return to you - one of the officers whose name I do not recollect remarked that said negroes had come on board of his Ship (as well as I can remember he stated they had raised a signal & a boat was put on shore for them) - that the York had talked much of his wife & children & seemed anxious to get back to them - This was the substance of the conversation - The negroes were not in company - but with the fleet at Blackstone

Iland, so that I had no opportunity of ascertaining  
their disposition then to return to you -

These facts I am willing to make oath to if  
you should see them necessary to substantiate  
the fact that your negroes were on board of the  
Enemy -

With regard to certum  
yrs most sincerely  
J. S. Stoddard

Maryland Charles County Ct.

Be it remembered that on this fifth day of May  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and twenty three personally appeared <sup>before</sup> me the sub-  
-scriber a justice of the peace in and for the County  
of Charles, Alexander Greer of the County & State  
aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangel-  
-ists of Almighty God, that on or about the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of August Anno Domini 1814 three of his ne-  
-gro men named Joshua, York and Moses deser-  
-ted his service and went on board of some war-  
-ship of the British Squadron then ascending the  
Potomack River - That this deponent was at  
his house on the banks of the Potomack when  
the Enemy were descending the said river and  
that his attention was caught by the waving  
of a hat of some one on board of one of the small  
craft taken by the Enemy at Alexandria -  
That this deponent by means of his spy glass  
discovered that it was a black man who  
made the signal - That this deponent sup-  
-posing it was one of his negroes went down

upon the beach and then recognized all three  
of his negroes on board of said vessel - that two  
of them regretted having abandoned his service  
and evinced a strong desire to return - that  
this deponent mentioned this circumstance to sev-  
eral officers belonging to Genl. Philip Smith's  
Brigade of militia, among others to the aid of  
the general John T. Hodder and requested him  
to have inquiry made of said negroes and an  
application for their restoration if still willing to  
return to this deponent - That this deponent was  
assured by said General that he had when  
on board of the Enemy saw the character of a flag  
officer, ~~had~~ <sup>made</sup> enquiry about said negroes &  
was informed by one of the officers that said  
negroes were on board & that one of them, York,  
had expressed a wish to be restored - This  
deponent for then swears that said negroes  
were as nearly as he could ascertain of the  
following ages to wit Joshua aged thirty two years  
York about thirty years - & closes  
about twenty one years - That all these

negroes were slaves for life to this deponent - that  
they were healthy and as valuable as any three  
laborers of their age on his plantation or, he believes  
in the neighborhood - Given under my hand  
and seal the day and year first above written

Paul Adams

I hereby certify that I had frequently seen, and  
well knew the three negro men (viz) Joshua,  
York and Moses mentioned in the foregoing  
Deposition of Alexander Green, having been  
for some years, as I was at the time mentioned  
in said Deposition the attending physician in  
his family - that at the time of the British  
Squadron ascending the Pittsborough River in  
the month of August 1814, the said negroes  
left their homes, and the General Inspection  
was, and still is that they went on board the  
said Squadron - That when the said Squadron  
was descending the said River I was in company  
with the said Green, near to Mangrove war-  
house, who then informed me that he, as stated  
in his deposition hereunto annexed, saw the said  
negroes on the morning of that day, on Board

of one of the Vessels of the Squadron, and were  
spoken to by them, as noticed in the said foregoing  
Deposition — That, agreeably to prices of negroes  
at that time, I am persuaded the said three  
men, Joshua, York & Moses, would readily have  
sold for five hundred dollars each

Given under my hand this fifth day of May  
1823

Sam Hanson Junr.

State of Maryland Chace, County Co.

I hereby certify that Francis Adams and Samuel Hanson  
senior Gentlemen who appear to have given the written  
and foregoing certificate and whose names are thereto  
subscribed were at the time of giving and signing the same  
Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland's Justice of the Peace in  
and for the County and Precinct aforesaid duly commissioned  
and qualified and to all their acts as such give faith  
and credit are and ought to be given as usual  
in courts of Justice as thereon

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my hand and affixed the  
seal of Chace, County Court the twentieth  
day of May in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
three,

John Barnes J. of  
Chace, County Court





Alexander Greer  
proof of names

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July 13

Colonel Henry Ashton  
Washington  
D.C.

State of Maryland Charles County 20<sup>th</sup>. Be  
it Remembered that on this twelfth day of  
February in the year of our Lord one  
thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight  
Personally appears Walter H. S. Mitchell before  
the subscribers one of the Justices of Maryland  
Justices of the peace in and for Charles County  
and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of  
Almighty God, that Joshua commonly called  
Joshua Stuart, York commonly called York  
Stuart, and Moses commonly called Moses  
Hanson, the negro slaves of Major Alexander  
Greer of Charles County, which said negroes  
were reported to have eloped and went  
on Board of the British Squadron when  
ascending the River Potomack in or about  
the month of August Eighteen hundred and  
fourteen. the said negro slaves were at  
the time of their elopement to the best of this  
deponents knowledge and belief, of about the  
following ages, Joshua thirty five years  
old, York thirty three years old, and  
Moses twenty two years old.

Sworn Before  
Henry C. Bruce

State of Maryland Charles County P.D.  
I hereby certify that Henry C Bruce Gentleman  
before whom the within and foregoing affidavit  
appears to have been made, and whose name is  
thereunto subscribed, was at the time of the making  
and subscribing the same, and still is one of the  
State of Marylands Justices of the Peace in and  
for Charles County aforesaid duly commissioned and  
sworn, and to all whose acts as such full faith  
and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts  
of Law as thereout. In Testimony whereof I

have hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed the seal of Charles  
County Court the twelfth day of  
(February) in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and  
twenty eight.

John V Barnes Clerk  
Chas County Court

Post Tobacco 12<sup>th</sup> February 1828

Colonel Henry Ashton

Dear Sir, I send you all the evidence, that I can,  
I put into your hand some years ago the evidence of Doctor  
Samuel Hanson, sworn to before Francis Adams, Also  
a letter from W. Stoddert, stating the conversation that  
passed between him & Capt. Neiper, on board his ship  
on her way down the River, below Cedar Point,  
I mentioned to you some years ago that Capt. Robert Taylor,  
of the Steam Boat that runs from Washington and  
Alexandria, informed me that when he went with Com-  
-odore Barney, to the British Vessels for the purpose to  
get an exchange of prisoners, that he saw my Man  
York Stuart on board one of the British Ships -  
if you think Taylors evidence will be of any use to us,  
by calling on him, He will testify to that fact -

Yours Most Respectfully  
A. Green

N.B. When you write  
again direct to Nanjemoy  
Post office -