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Jonathan M. Binns

2 Slaves

21 May 1828 - allow - for
two slaves @ \$280
\$560 Int. unpaid

14th Mar. 1828

Taking proved.

As the undersigned having been called on by Mr
 Josiah Parice to set a valuation on his Slaves
 agreeable to instructions from Mr. Adams Secretary
 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
 them as follows

one Black man a Sawyer, aged about 34 }
 called Harry, four hundred & fifty dollars } \$450.00

one Mulatto lad aged about 19 years }
 called Tom, four hundred & fifty dollars } 450.00

Witness our hand and seals this
 16th day of August 1822

James Langley

Maryland St. Marys County Court

Benjamin Parice before the subscriber a Justice of
 1822 personally appears James L. Langley and
 Bennett Parice before the subscriber a Justice of
 the peace in and for said County, and makes oath
 on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the
 above valuation is as near the current prices
 of said Slaves as they can ascertain & what such
 Slaves would have sold for for at the time the
 loss was sustained to the best of their knowledge
 & belief

Peter W. Thomas

Harry at Harry - 34 - \$450
 Tom at Thomas - 19 - 450
 900

2 Slaves - \$900

Parice, Josias - St. Marys Co. Md.
 16 Aug 1822

James
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Maryland St. Marys County Court,
On the 15th day of August 1822 personally
appear Josiah Biscoe before the Subscriber a Justice
of the peace in and for said County and after
having been duly sworn ~~on~~ on the Holy Evangelists
of almighty God, ^{deponent and decess} that on or about the fourth
or fifth day of November 1813 two of his men
absconded and went off, Harry a sawyer, aged
about thirty four and Tom aged a mulatto aged
about nineteen, the deponent further saith
that at the time his slaves were missing there
were several British vessels lying off his house
at anchor in the Potomac River, and that the
said slaves never returned to him, nor has he
ever received any compensation for said slaves.

The deponent further saith, that he does
verily believe that his said slaves ~~went off~~
~~to sea~~ were on board the said steamer and
that they were carried out of the United States
by his Britannic Majesty's vessels when they
left the waters of the United States
and the deponent further saith no more.

Signed and sworn Josiah Biscoe
to before me

Peter W. Thomson JP

Saint Marys County Court

I hereby Certify that Peter W. Thomson Esq. and
before whom the annexed depositions were taken & signed
was at the time of the taking and signing thereof and
that he is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of
Maryland for Saint Marys County aforesaid duly com-
missioned and qualified and to all whom acts or oaths
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
name and affixed the seal of my office
this seventeenth day of August Eighteen
hundred and twenty two -

J. W. Harris, Clerk
St. Marys County Court

Leon Town
May 12th Paid 20

Col. Henry Ashton
Washington City
D.C.

John B. ...
House of ...

Ridge P. Office,
Feb. 8, 1828.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you will receive a power of attorney, which I am in hopes is correctly executed. If there should be any defect or any other deficiency as it respects my claim, you will be so good as to inform me as early, as it may suit your convenience, you will also inform me whether, or not, it would be necessary for me take dispositions respecting other property taken by the British, such as stock &c. in this respect I ^{also} suffered considerably.

Yours Very respectfully,
Josiah Wisco