

638.

Calib Jones
& Slaves

To be paid

May 22^d 1828 - allow for
8 slaves taken from Mar -
@ \$280 each \$2240
Int. received

15th Mar: 1828

Taking proved

Saint Marys County Maryland April 5th 1812

Caleb Jones of Saint Marys County in Maryland
Farmer Being duly Sworn on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God deposes and
saith that on the night of the twenty second
of August in the year Eighteen hundred and
thirteen a party of British soldiers headed
by a midshipman as he was informed and
conducted by a negro man belonging to this
deponent ^{came to his house} and violently beat at his door
& threatened to burst it open while this
deponent was laying in bed with his wife
and no other person about his house but
his children and a negro boy who was
sleeping in the house and plundered his
house of many things and took the boy
that was in the house by force and
much against will for He the boy gave
every sign of it & cried bitterly the boy was
about eight years of age
and further when this deponent went to
his kitchen to procure a light as he was
peremptorily ordered to do he found that all
his ^{remaining} negroes, ~~remaining~~ five in number had
been taken out of the kitchen & carried
to the boat while he was asleep & before
they had awaked him to take the boy in

Deposition of Caleb.

Sworn - 8 of his slaves

(Copied)

St. Marys
No value

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house that this deponent went with
said officer to the boat and asked if any
of his negroes were willing if they might
come back he was positively ^{denied} refused
& forbid to speak to them

and further this deponent ^{said that he} heard this British
officer say in presence of the negroes that
the negroes were great fools to think of
staying here when if they would go with them
they would be put in a free country

This deponent further said that the names
of the negroes that were taken out of the ~~Ketchikan~~
belonging to him were

Job	about 24 years of age
Peter	" 21 " "
Luce	" 24
Suck	19
James	7

and the name of the boy taken out of the
dwelling house was - Abraham about 8 years
and the names of those who run off of
their own accord to the Enemy were

Jack	aged about 22 years
Jenny	" " 16

Sworn before me Collector Cald Jones
for the port of Saint Marys

Man Penwick

Saint Marys County Court

Be it remembered that on this Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty eight personally appeared before me the subscribed one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Marys County aforesaid William B. Bennett of the County aforesaid a competent person who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God deponeth and saith that during the late war between the United States of America and Great Britain, the British landed and went to the house of Mr Labb Jones and there took possession of and carried away besides their papers the following negroes to wit the property of said L. Jones. Negro man John, Negro man Job, Negro man Peter Negro Boy Jacob, Negro Woman Lucy, Negro woman Suekey and her child Abraham and Negro woman Sarah. which said negroes were never heard of since, and this deponent further saith not.

Given to be true

W. L. Chaddock

Saint Marys County Court

I hereby certify that ~~that~~ William Chaddock Gentleman before whom the above Deposition was taken and signed, was at the taking of signing the same and that he is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Marys County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn and that to all acts by him done in that capacity full 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 hand and seal this Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty eight.

J. B. Harris Clerk

Saint Marys County Court

St. Inigo, Mn Feb 12th 1828.

Dear Sir, I herewith enclose you a power of attorney, Accomplishment of letters of administration, and William B. Bennetts deposition and if I can get any additional proof, it shall be forwarded without delay. I am fearful it will be difficult to get the surnames of the negroes, but if feasible it shall be procured. Permit me to beg ~~you~~ of you, your particular attention to the Business. The representatives of Caleb Jones, are poor orphans, without any means of support, and it would be highly pleasing to me if the claim could be allowed.

Yours Respectfully.

Thomas I. Bennett
adm^r. of Caleb Jones,

London Town Maryland
July 15

Th. J. Burnett P.M.
St. Inigoes Md.
1/4 by Receipt. Paid 10/4

Col. Henry Ashton

Washington City
D. C.

Call & Jones
Eustace arm
Room of Attorney

Saint Marys County Court

Be it remembered that on this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight personally appeared ~~Joseph Gough~~ before me the subscribed one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for said county of said Joseph Gough of lawful age and a competent person who after being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposed and said that he did see two negroes the property of Caleb Jones on board the British vessel in the Chesapeake Bay one by the name of Jack the other a woman by the name of Jonny the surname not remembered on or about the last of August or the first of September eighteen hundred and thirty and he then deposed believed some other negroes belonging to said Caleb Jones were also on board, At which time he this deponent with two others went on board of the British with a flag of truce for the purpose of getting the negroes of Caleb Jones & others in which he this deponent & others failed ^{with the exception of one belonging to Alexr Smool} and further this deponent said not

Sworn to before
Wm Maddox

Saint Marys County Court

I hereby certify that William T Maddox Gentlman before whom the above Deposition was taken and whose name is thereto signed was at the time thereof and still is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for said county of said ~~and sworn~~

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this fifth day of March eighteen hundred and twenty eight

John Harris
Justice of the Peace

