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Inclosed you will receive the evidence of  
my claim for four Negroes taken from me by  
the British ships during the late war with great  
Britain. Your obedient servant

Joshua King

Saint Marys County  
Maryland -

June <sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> 1721 -

King, Joshua - St. Mary's Co. Md?

30 June 1821

red. 10 July "

4 slaves - \$880

1 - 350

1 - 280

1 - 150

1 - 100

Washington

Secretary of State

John Quincy Adams

The Honble

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Joshua King  
4 Slaves

May 22 - 1828 - Allow -  
for four slaves taken  
from King. @ \$280 \$1120  

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In amount

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

Taking proved.

State of Maryland Saint Marys County, to wit  
We the undersigned being disinterested and not related  
to, or connected with Mr. Joshua King of said County,  
and being called on by the said Joshua King to Value  
and appraise the four Negroes belonging to the said  
King, that were carried away by the British Ships in  
the month of August eighteen hundred and fourteen

Do hereby Certify and report that after our being duly  
sworn on the Holy Evangelys of almighty God, we do  
on our Oath Value and appraise the said four Negroes  
as follows to wit

Negro Anthony aged 40 years at	Dollr 280
Negro Lucy aged 20 years at	350
oldest Negro Child aged 5 years at	150
youngest Negro Child aged 3 years at	100
Dollars 880	

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands  
and Seals this 2nd day of June 1821  
Sworn before Peter Gough Esq Joseph Tanner

J. Tanner Esq  
Seal  
Seal

Saint Marys County Court.

I hereby certify that Peter Gough Esq and Joseph Tanner  
before the foregoing depositions were taken and when read  
appeared thereat signed correct the taking and signing them  
and that I am one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of  
Maryland for said County and duly qualified

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the seal of my office  
5th day of May Eighteen hundred  
and twenty one  
J. Harris Clerk  
Saint Marys County Court

State of Maryland Saint Marys County  
Be it remembered that on this thirty first  
day of May eighteen hundred & twenty one  
personally appears Jesse Baker of said  
County aged thirty two years, before me  
the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in  
for the County of State aforesaid, & after  
being duly sworn on the holy Evangelys  
of Almighty God, that depositions & oaths  
that in the month of August eighteen  
hundred & fourteen, the said Negro  
Anthony the property of Joshua King  
in company with the British troops at  
the mouth of the Patuxent River while  
the said troops were engaged in filling  
the water baskets of the British Ships then  
lying in the River, that the said Negro  
Anthony was several times at the house  
of the said Baker who then lived in  
Calvert County, that the said Baker had  
frequent conversations with the said Antho-  
ny whom he had known for five or six  
years before he was taken away by the  
British, that the said Baker enquired  
of Anthony how he came to be with the  
British troops, Anthony said that  
they came to the house of Mr. John

Mise Where his wife lived & persuaded him  
to go with them, & said that if he would go  
they would come for him at another  
time, & that after a while he should be  
free & have land of his own, that in two  
or three days after Anthony had seen the  
British at John Mises, they come to the  
field where he was at work for him  
& told him that as his wife had gone  
with the British he had better go too to  
which he did, that Anthony told this  
deponent that he was sorry for having  
gone with the British, & wished he was  
at home again with his master,  
but that they watched him so closely  
he could not get off from them,  
the said deponent thinks Anthony was  
about forty years old, that he knew  
him while he belonged to old James  
King father of the said Joshua King  
both of Saint Mary's County Maryland  
& further says not —

his  
Jesse & Baker  
marks  
Subscribed & sworn to before  
Peter Gough J. P.

Saint Mary's County &c  
Be it remembered that on this thirty first day  
of May eighteen hundred & fourteen twenty one  
personally appears Daniel Blocker of said  
County

County aged sixty seven years, before me the  
Subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State  
of Maryland for Saint Mary's County, and  
after being duly sworn on the holy Evan-  
-gely of almighty God, that some time in  
the month of August in the year eighteen  
hundred & fourteen, he saw Negro Lucy,  
& her two children, the property of Joshua  
King of said County, pass by his house in  
Company with a party of forty or fifty of  
the British troops, going down from the  
house of the said Joshua King to the British  
ships then lying in the Patuxent river —  
this deponent says on his oath aforesaid  
that he believes the said Negro Woman  
Lucy was twenty ~~one~~ years old, that the  
oldest child was about five years old  
& the young child three years old, & further  
says not —

Subscribed & sworn to before  
Dan<sup>e</sup> Blocker Peter Gough

Saint Mary's County &c  
Thereby certify that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1821 person-  
ally appears before Joseph Sumner Sen<sup>r</sup> of Joseph  
Sumner Jun<sup>r</sup> before me a Justice of the Peace in & for  
said County, & make oath on the holy Evangel of almi-  
-ghty God, that they would well truly & without favour  
partiality or affection value & appraise the four negro  
as belonging to Joshua King, that were carried away  
by the British ships in the month of August eighteen  
hundred & fourteen —  
Peter Gough