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Robert Hammet

Slave

To the Trustees of the
May 22^d - 1828 - allow
for one slave man from
Maryland \$200
Int. reserved

15th Mar: 1828

John approved

I have forwarded the claim I have for the
negro Man George, valued at \$500 by two sworn
appraisers, Men of good character and sound judg-
-ments. no way related to, or connects with me.

Saint Marys County
Maryland
30th June 1821.

I am Sir Yr Obedt

Robert Hammett
" "

Hammett, Robert - St. Mary's Co. Md.

30 June 1821
no. 10 July "

San George - 25 - \$500

The Honble

John Quincy Adams
Secretary of State
Washington

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State of Maryland Saint Mary's County Sec
Be it Remembered that on this twenty fifth
day of June eighteen hundred & twenty one
personally appears, James A. Crane of Said
County aged Sixty three years, before me
the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for
Said County, & after being duly Sworn
on the holy Evangel of almighty God, depo-
-sith & saith, that on or about the third
day of August eighteen hundred & fourteen
of ^{Said} Negro George the property of Robert
Hammett of Said County, in company
with a party of about three hundred
British troops at the house of the Said
James A. Crane, that the Said Negro
George stood inactive leaning on a Staff
during the whole time the troops were
catching the geese doing other mischiefs
on the farm of him the Said James A. Crane
& that the Said Negro George went away
with the British troops from his house
& to the best of his knowledge & Belief, has
never returned or being heard of, since

Signed by
James Crane

Sworn before
Peter Gough

State of Maryland Saint Marys County Court:

We the undersigned, not being related to nor connected with Mr. Robert Hammett of said County, and being called on by the said Robt. Hammett, to say a valuation on his slave George who he states to be on board the British ship, in the late War between Great Britain and the United States of America, some time in the months of July, or August in the year Eighteen hundred and fourteen,

Now we the undersigned after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God, do value and appraise the said slave George then about Twenty five years of age to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, that being as near the current price of such Slaves at that time ~~as we can~~ as we can collect.

Sworn before us witnesses Our hands and seals the Twenty Eighth day of June in the year Eighteen hundred and Twenty one

Witness
Jo. Davis

Jo. Davis
Bennett Hutchins

State of Maryland Saint Marys County Court:

Be it Remembered that on the 28th day of June Eighteen hundred and Twenty one personally appeared James Davis and Bennett Hutchins, they being the above appraisers, being before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for and in said County and makes oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God that the above valuation is as near the current price of such Slaves as they can ascertain, & what such a Slave would have sold for at the time the loss was sustained to the best of their knowledge & belief

Sworn before
Jo. Davis

State of Maryland Saint Marys County Court:

Be it Remembered that on the 28th day of June 1821, personally appears Robert Hammett the within named Robert Hammett, before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God, that he did sustain the loss within Express'd. that his said slave George did go off from him, the said Hammett some time in the month of July or August in the year Eighteen hundred and fourteen, and that his said slave George, has not since returned, and that he the said Robt Hammett thinks, from the various information he has derived, that his said slave George did go on board the British ships.

Sworn before
Jo. Davis

State of Maryland Saint Marys County Court:

I hereby certify that ~~Joseph~~ ^{Peter} ~~Davis~~ ^{you go} gentlemen, before whom the above and foregoing affidavits were taken and whose names ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{were} ~~were~~ ^{and two} ~~and~~ ^{of the} ~~of the~~ ^{of the} Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Marys County aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, and to all whose acts as such due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as therout.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office this 28th day of June 1821
J. Harris Clk
St. Marys County C.

Saint Marys County to wit.

On this fourth day of February Eighteen hundred & twenty
Eight at the house of James A. Crane in the County aforesaid
before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace in
and for the County aforesaid. personally appears James
A. Crane aged about sixty nine years, who being duly
sworn on the holy Evangelys of Almighty God. deposeseth
and saith, on the third day of August Eighteen hundred
and fourteen he the said James A. Crane saw a
Negro Man who belonged to Robert Hammett by the
name of George, who called himself George Parker,
in the possession of the British at his said James
A. Crane's house, and further saith not. Sworn
to and subscribed by the said deponent before me
this day and year aforesaid

James A. Crane

Stephen Martin

And at the same time and place also appears
Susanna A. Crane aged thirty one years who
being duly sworn on the holy Evangelys of Almighty
God deposeseth and saith that on the third
day of August Eighteen hundred and fourteen
she the said Susanna A. Crane saw a Negro
Man whom she knew belonged to Robert
Hammett by the name of George, who called
himself George Parker in the possession of the British
at James A. Crane's house, and further saith
not. Sworn to and subscribed by the said deponent before
me this day and year aforesaid

Susanna A. Crane

Stephen Martin

Saint Mary's County Ct.

I hereby certify that Stephen Martin Gentleman
before whom the within affidavits were made and who have
hereunto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing
a Justice of the peace in and for Saint Mary's County duly
appointed and qualified.

In Testimony to hereof I have hereunto set
my name and affixed the seal of my office this
twelfth day of February anno Domini Eighteen
hundred and twenty eight.

J. W. Harris J. P.
St. Mary's County Court