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Harriet Brooke

1 Slave

Vide Note of Counsel
herein!

Slaves

Maryland

Harriot Brooke &
John H. Brown —

Recd. 10 Jany 1824

23d May 1828 allowd for one slave to Harriet Brooke @ $280 —

Int. resumed

15th ~~14~~ Mar: 1828

Taking of Ben ~~[illegible]~~ Claimed by Harriot Brook, proved.

Also taking of Jenny, Claimed by John H Brown, but this Claim is not docketted.

Wrote to J. H. Brooke on the 22 Jany 1828 for Tonnes of Nepons and asked if Biscoe cant prove whether he was in uniform when he saw him

Washington City
Jany. 10th 1824

Sir

I enclose you the affidavit of Mrs. Kelly the only person in town possessing sufficient knowledge of the subject, to give their testimony an weight, —

Other & more ample testimony can be furnished, before the hearing of the case —

On behalf of Mrs Brooke & of Mr Brown, I pray you, to have their respective claims Docketted, & laid before the commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent. — with leave for a reasonable time to furnish further proof — I am informed, that Mayor Biscoe saw the negroe Ben, & Doctor Beaney in her a prisoner saw Jenny on board the British fleet —

With great Respect
I have the Honor
To be your obt Servt

Wm Kelly

We hereby appoint William Kelly of Alabama our attorney in fact for us to attend, to and prosecute our respective claims for the negroes Ben & Jenny before the board of commissioners now setting at Washington city under the Treaty of Ghent & convention of St Petersburg, & to receive for us such compensation as may be awarded, & if necessary to appoint another attorney in his place — Witness our hands & seals this 28th day of July 1825

John H Brooke Seal

Hannah Brooke Seal
administratrix of the estate of Henry Brooke deceased.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of
Edmd. F. Brooke

Mrs. H. Brooke
& J. H. Brown
40 E Power of atto
Mr Kelly.

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct

On this second day of ~~Febr~~ March Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty five before me the Subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for Prince Georges County Maryland personally appears Edwd. F. Brooke and makes oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that he was present when, and did, see the parties to the aforegoing instrument of writing sign their signatures affix their seals respectively to the same for the purposes therein specefied.—

Sworn before

Edward Taylor

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct

I hereby certify that Edward Taylor gentleman by whom the above oath was administered and whose name appears to be thereto Signed was at at the time of Signing the same and still is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned and Sworn and to all who acts as such due faith & credit is and out to be given as well in Courts of Justice as thereout.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed the Public seal of Prince Georges County Court this second day of March eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Aquila Beall Clk P. G. County Court

To the 1st Interrogatory of Judge Tilly Answer
that I know Jenny belonging to Mr John H Brown
or his Mother I was on board of the Thetis Capt
Montague sometime about the Last of August
or beginning of September 1814 and saw Jenny and
her Husband belonging to Mrs Lewis come on board
and they continued on board the Thetis whilst
I remained in that Vessel which was about two
weeks. 2d Interrogatory answered by the first
I was transfered from the Thetis to the Tenant Capt
Sykes and saw no more of Jenny and her husband
and have never seen them ~~since~~ nor ever heard of
them since I have been frequently at Mr Barneys
since the British left the Chesapeake and should
certainly have seen or heard of Jenny or returned
to Lewis. Capt Montague in the Big Thetis
was attached to Admiral Cochrans Fleet

William Beanes

Maryland Prince George's County, To Wit

On this second day of March 1825 before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the state and County aforesaid personally appeared William Beanes who made oath that the within answers to interrogatories are true to the best of his knowledge & belief

Sworn before

Edward Taylor

Maryland Prince Georges County S.C.

I hereby certify that Edward Taylor Gentleman by whom the above oath was administered and whose name is thereto affixed in his own hand writing was at the time of so doing and still is one of the State of Marylands Justices of the peace in and for said County duly commissioned and Sworn and to all who acts as such due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as thereout

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public seal of Prince Georges County Court this 2d day of March eighteen hundred and twenty five

Aquila Beall clk of P.G. County Court

Claim of Harriot Brooke
&
John A. Brown
for Negroes
Ben & $5 to 600
Sunny

District of Columbia }
Washington county } ss

Be it Remembered that on the 10th day of January 1824, Mrs Maria A. Kelly came personally before me John Chalmers a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, & being duly sworn made oath that in the year 1814 in the latter part of sept. on first ~~month~~ of October as well as she recollects, a likely & valuable negroe man slave about 28 to 30 years old at that time, — ~~He was~~ of ordinary size of very black complexion, — had a scar on his under lip (a piece thereof having been bit off) & a considerable scar on one of his legs — ran away from the possession her Mother Mrs Harriot Brooke a citizen of the U.S. ~~residing~~ residing in the county of Prince George's Maryland, to whom the said Ben belonged as admx of the estate of ~~the estate~~ of the Deponents father Henry Brooke deceased — The Deponent does not know what he came of said negroe of her own knowledge, but has been informed & believes that he went to the British forces in the Chissa peake, & was by them recd & carried away — That he was worth as she supposes from five to six hundred dollars — The Deponent made oath

further that a negroe woman na-
med Lenny about 40 years of age the
property her maternal uncle, John
H. Brown, a citizen of the U.S. residing
at Mount Calvert in the said coun-
ty of Prince Georges. Run away
or was taken away by the British
forces, when they left the Ches-
sapeake in the fall of 1814 - She
has been frequently at the house of
her said uncle since that time &
has never seen the said negroe since &
has always understood that she
& her husband belonging to Mrs
Wrems went off with the Brite-
sh, & believes the statement ate-
ave made to be true altho it
is not made on her personal knowl-
edge - That the said negroe wo-
man was crippled in one of her hands
but could shine & do other house
work such as sewing knitting &c
as well as is common with negroe women -
& further this Deponent sayeth
not.

Sworn to & subscribed
on the day & year aforesaid
Before me J. M. Chalmers

Maria A Kelly

Gratis

BRITISH VICE CONSUL, WASHINGTON.

Know all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, That I, JAMES BAKER, Esq. His Britannic Majesty's Vice Consul for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify, That John Chalmers appeared before me, and being duly sworn deposed & said that the signature of "John Chalmers" to the affidavit of Maria A Kelly filed in the Case of Harriet Brooke & John H. Brown from Maryland, is his own proper signature & hand writing

Given under my hand and Seal of Office, at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, the United States of America, the Twenty third **day of** February **One Thousand Eight Hundred and** Twenty five.

James Baker

State of Maryland
Prince Georges county

Genl. Geo. W. Biscoe of Nottingham, came personally, be-
fore me. John S. Ahill a justice
of the peace for the county aforis-
aid on the 24th day of March 1825
& being first duly sworn, according
to law, deposed & said, That, he was
acquainted with a negroe man, na-
med Ben, the property of the late Hen-
ry Brooke of said Prince Georges county
as he has always understood and be-
lieved - That he was in possion of
said Brooke in his life time, & his
administratrix since his death, and
has never been claimed adversely
within his knowledge - That during
the late war with Great Britain
& about a week or ten days after
the British Troops returned from Wash

-ington city, he went on board the British Flut in the Patuxent, with a flag of Truce, & remain'd all night on board the Dragon, commanded by commodore Barrie, & While on board of said ship he saw the said negroe man Ben (among others) & conversed him — His wife was also on board, and they both expressed a wish to return — That he left them on board the said ship Dragon, & has never seen either of them since or heard of their return

He has in fact always understood & believed & yet believes that they were carried away by the British, when the Flut left the Patuxent

Geo. W. Biscoe

Sworn to, and subscribed before the subscriber a Justice of Peace for Prince Georges County on the day above mentioned

Jno. S. Abell

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct.

I hereby Certify that John S. Abell gentleman before whom the aforegoing affidavit appears to have been made and who has subscribed his name thereto was at the time of the making and his signing the same and still is one of the State of Maryland, Justices of the peace in and for said County 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 Justice as thereout.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Prince Georges County Court this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty five.

Aquila Beale Clk of P. G. Cty Co.

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct.

On this 12th. day of February 1828 personally appears Richard Brooke before the Subscribe a justice of the peace of the said State in and for the said county and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he was familiarly acquainted with Negro Ben who absconded from Mrs Harriet Brooke during the war between Great Britain & the United States of America and that the surname of the said Ben, was Nicholls

Sworn before

B. Bowling

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct.

I hereby certify that Paul Bowling gentleman before whom the above affidavit was made and whose name is thereto signed was at the time of taking the said affidavit and signing the same one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned and sworn and to all whose acts as such full faith and ought to be given

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Court of said County this twelfth day of February Eighteen Hundred & twenty Eight -

Aquila Beall Clk of Prince Georges Coty Ct



Maryland Prince George's County Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord 1827 personally appeared George W. Biscoe before the subscriber one of the justices of the Peace of the said state in and for the said county, and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that in the month of September in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, he went on board of the British Ship Dragon, commanded by Commodore Barrie lying at the mouth of the Patuxent River, and whilst on board of said Ship he there saw Negro Man Ben, whom he knew to be the property of Mrs Harriet Brooke of said county - That he the deponent made some remarks to the said negro, & was immediately stopped, by a British Officer - This deponent knows that the said negro never returned, to Mrs Brooke his owner -

Sworn before

Thos. N Baden

Col. Henry Ashton
Washington
D.C.

p.d. J.B. Brooke
Paid 12

To Mrs Brooke
Widow

Mail

MARL. DEC. 15 U.S.

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct.

I hereby Certify that Thomas N. Baden Gentle-man before whom the within and foregoing affidavit was made and who has thereto Subscribed his name was at the time of taking & Subscribing the same and still is one of the State of Maryland Justices of the Peace mand for said County duly commissioned and Sworn

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and Fixed the seal of Prince Georges County Court this fourth day of August Eighteen hundred and twenty Seven

Aquila Beall Clk
of Pr. Geo. Cty. Ct.

Upper Marlboro Decr. 13th 1827.

Dear Sir.

I enclose you the deposition relating to Negro Ben. I have not yet procured that relating to Negro Jenny as soon as I do I will forward it.

Respectfully
Yrs. Jno. B Brooke

H. Ashton Esq
Warlington
D.C.