

Mrs Jane Parran appears in the Definitive List at page 24. as a claimant for six negroes lost during the late war - their names are proved to have been - James Grop - Davy Watts - Damon Parran - Amy Skinner Sophy Skinner daughter of Amy - + Peggy Johnson -

The ownership and elopement of these negroes, & that they went to the British during the late war, will I think be proved, to the satisfaction of the Board, by the evidence filed in the case. - the more difficult task of making out the time, when they were removed from the U States, altho it seems properly to belong to the Government, by whose Agents they were removed, must not be omitted by the Claimant.

It is proper to remark, that there were several British Ships of War in the Patuxent River, during the war, from whose Boords no returns have been made, as the Ship Loire Capt Brown, The Narcipus Capt Sunley & others - on Board these Vessels great numbers of negroes were received and carried off - to obviate the difficulty of proving the time when they were taken out of the U States, the stipulations contained in the 3<sup>d</sup> article, of the Convention of St Petersburg, was entered into; there has not been a full compliance on the part of the British Government with that engagement - the omission bears injuriously on the Claimants residing in the lower Counties of Maryland, and furnishes a sufficient ground for a free presumption in their favour, that all their negroes were removed after the peace. - the testimony was in the sole power of the British Government, - they were bound to produce it - it was their interest to suppress it, if found favourable to the Claimants - to a certain extent they have suppressed it.

With respect to negro Jim, who is proved to have been called "James Grop" it is in proof, that his wife & her child <sup>went</sup> Sophy, ~~went~~ off with him. - They are found together on the Halifax list at page 82 - The claimant has also filed a letter purporting to

have been written at Windsor, in Nova Scotia, by James Grop, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1825, to his Sister Charry Grop, a negro woman now living in the neighbourhood of the Claimant - It bears the ship mark - was mailed at Boston, & is proved by the post master at St Leonard's Calvert County Maryland, to have been received at his Office in the regular course of the mail. It to have been read by him at the time. It is difficult to authenticate such a paper - it is not pretended that it was written by the negro - he could not write - but it was evidently written by his procurement & under his dictation. - the mention by name, of so many of the negroes belonging to the Estate of Mrs. Parraw, the accurate knowledge of the relationship subsisting between them, shewn by the writer - the circumstance of the wife of Jim, who was the mother of Molly Gault, joining in the letter, as appears by her address to her daughter, the mention of Davy Watts and Damon Parraw, two other negroes of the Claimant who eloped with Jim, authenticate this paper as forcibly as if the negro could have written, & his handwriting was proved to be his. If the letter, with the aid of the testimony to which it is attached furnishes internal testimony of its being authentic - will the Board admit it as proof of the facts contained in it & allow the inferences that may be fairly drawn from them?

The best evidence the nature of a Case will admit of, is all that is commonly required - it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the absolute impossibility, on the part of the Claimants, of proving by direct evidence, when or where, their negroes were sent out of the United States - the circumstances of the war precluded all knowledge of their movements after they joined the Enemy - they are driven to inferior testimony - and the Claimant in this Case relies on a letter, written from Nova Scotia by one of the negroes

who eloped from her - not prepared to be used as proof - evidently free from all design & bearing on its face the most unquestionable impression of the truth of what it states - If one be satisfied that the letter is authentic, he cannot entertain a doubt of the truth of what it contains: The Board is to be satisfied upon the point in controversy "when were the negroes removed" - if their minds be convinced by the reading of this letter, the object is attained, the truth has been communicated, why then should evidence of a more strict legal character be asked for, if a formal deposition of the facts mentioned in the letter was produced, it would add nothing to the strength of the conviction, which the letter itself, authenticated as it is, must create -

In this letter Jim, mentions besides himself two other of the negroes for the loss of whom Mrs Parraw has filed her claim viz Davy Watts and Damon Parraw. "David Watts (he says) a Cozen of mine, & we were safely landed in Nova Scotia" by which it may be very fairly understood, that they were carried together from the U States; in the latter part of the letter he says "John Parraw would be glad to hear from his Brother Damon Parraw, but I have not seen him since the peace, he enlisted as a soldier under the banners of his Br. Majesty & he remains so still". It is very well known that a number of negroes were enlisted by the enemy during the war - that they were kept within the United States until its close & were employed in the invasion of the Country - Damon the enlisted soldier, then, was not taken from the U States before the peace - & that epoch is referred to by Jim, as the time, since

when, he had not seen him; before then no doubt he had often seen him at Tangier, on board ship, on the Coast & within the U States, but the peace occurring, Jim was carried to Nova Scotia, & since then he had not seen Damon.

From the preceding, is it not reasonable to infer, that James Grop and Davy Watts, who were landed together at Halifax, were both taken from the U States after the peace - that Damon was within the U States after the peace is as clear, as that he was a Soldier in the service of the enemy - On the Colonial marine list at page 21. there is a negro called Diamond Paine, who is very probably the Damon Parran of the Claimant - the name is usually pronounced by negroes, & uneducated whites, as if it consisted of only one syllable - thus "Parne" the mistake of an r for an i, would make the name "Paine" found on the list - Davy Watts when he left his mistress was 40 years old, on the Halifax list at page 107. there is a negro called James Watts 49 years old.

With respect to Amy & her child Sophy

It is proved that Amy was the wife of a free negro of the neighbourhood called Guy Skinner, who was about 35 years old - that the said Skinner was wiped from the neighbourhood, at the same time that Mr. Parran's negroes went off, & that he had not been seen, except with the British, since. at page 97 on the Halifax list, there is a negro James Skinner said to be 36 years old, with his wife said to be about 28 years old, Amy Skinner when she left her mistress was about 24 years old.

Mr. James Parram  
Case -  
Remarks of the Agent

the coincidence in name and age makes it likely that they are the same negroes mentioned in the Claimant's proof - On the same list at page 87 is a negro called Peggy Johnson, said to be 35 years old - the Claimant's negro Peggy Johnson, was a child, only 9 years of age, there may, indeed, be a mistake in regard to the age of the negro mentioned in the list - & there is some reason to think so, - since so many of Mrs Parram's negroes have been traced to Halifax, and <sup>found</sup> on the list by names so nearly resembling those by which her negroes were known - viz - James Grop's wife - Skinner's wife Amey - James Watts - the presumption is a fair & reasonable one - that the family of negroes who left Mrs Parram, were kept together, & especially that the negro child Peggy, only 9 years old, was not separated from the older negroes, who had taken her off - but was carried with them from the U States to Nova Scotia after the peace - that she is the same negro mentioned on the Halifax list -

John Chamberlain  
for the Claimant -

State of Maryland, Calvert County &c

Thereby certify that John Blare Esquire before whom  
the within Deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was  
at the time of so doing one of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and for the  
County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn:

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the seal of my Office this twenty seventh  
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty three:

William S. Mossell Clerk of  
Calvert County Court

State of Maryland Calvert County 80

On this twenty fifth day of October in the year of  
Eighteen hundred and twenty three personally  
appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice  
of the peace in and for the County and State  
aforesaid, <sup>John Hunsford</sup> and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelij  
of Almighty God that he knows Negro Samon the  
property of Mr. Lane Parran of Calvert County and  
that some time in the month of July or August  
Eighteen hundred and fourteen he saw said  
Samon at the House of the Rev. Mr. Handy with  
the British Troops - that he had heard of ~~but~~  
said Samon going off to the British whilst in the  
Prisoner's hands that he has never seen or heard  
of him since and that he knows he has never  
returned into the possession of his Mistress that  
he was a likely young Negro Man -

Sworn before

Jno. Lohaw  
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Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John A. Adams -

Sir at the time I forwarded  
on a list containing the Number ages & sex of my  
Negroes that went on board the Fleet - I could not  
obtain any positive testimony of Negro Damon  
being with them - I have now obtained proof  
and enclosed it to your department to accompany  
~~his~~ his ~~testimony~~ laid before the Commrs. whom I have  
heard are about to ~~send~~ sit in the City of  
Washington under the Treaty &c.

Yours  
Sir

*M. J.*  
Jane Parran  
1781 Oct 1813

St Leonards  
Oct 27th

Free

The Honble John L. Adams -  
Secretary of State  
Washington City

Slaves

Parran Jones - St Leonards Md

(additional proof)

N. 59



State of Maryland Calvert County &c

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1827 personally appeared before me the  
Subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in  
and for Calvert County Lane Parman and made oath on the  
Gospel Evangel of Almighty God that the following Negroes, to wit -  
Jim Goss, Davy Watt, Damon Parman, Amy <sup>or Dice</sup> ~~Shinn~~ <sup>or Dice</sup> ~~Pay Johnson~~  
Sophy Shinn <sup>or Dice</sup>, the same Negroes mentioned in the Depo-  
-sition of Samuel Turner already filed in the Department of  
State accorded from her service, (with the exception of  
Davy Watt) on the same night - and that the British Ships  
were at that time in the Potomac and near her House  
and that she verily believes that they went on board the  
British Fleet -  
I do to be for

Thos B King

State of Maryland Calvert County &c

I hereby certify that Thomas B King Gentlemen before whom  
the above affidavits appears to have been sworn and that  
subscribed his name is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the  
Peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned &  
sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the seal of Calvert County  
Court, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1827

Wm Morsell Clerk of  
Calvert County Court



filed Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1828

ad Evidence

Prince Frederick Town  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Paid 1/0

Jane Parran  
Paint

John Manbury Esq.

George Town

Detached of Col<sup>o</sup>

State of Maryland Calvert County P.

Personally appeared before me, the Subscriber  
a Justice of the Peace for the County & State  
aforesaid Benjamin Parran and made oath  
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that Flora  
the Wife of John Grop was the mother of  
Nolly Ganth and that she went off  
to the British in the ~~sum~~ summer of Eighteen  
hundred and fourteen—

Sworn before

Herzkiah, Coberth

March 3<sup>th</sup> 1828

State of Maryland Calvert County B.

I hereby certify that Herzkiah Coberth Gentleman  
before whom the above deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed  
his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace of the said State in  
and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this  
third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty eight.

William L. Morse Clerk of Calvert County

Mrs Jane Parran

additional testimony

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State of Maryland Calvert County &c

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1828 appeared before me the Subscriber  
a Justice of the peace for the County & State  
aforesaid George Ireland and ~~master~~ ~~with~~  
~~the~~ and solemnly sincerely and truly declared  
and affirmed that he lived at the Mouth  
of Patuxent River in the year Eighteen hundred  
and fourteen that at the time the British  
Fleet lay in the Mouth of Patuxent he saw  
Guy Skinner a Free man on Shore that he  
enquired what he was doing there ~~and~~  
and where his wife Amey who belonged to Mr.  
Jane Parran was and was informed that  
he was then with the British and that his wife  
was on board the Fleet; he also saw Negro  
Davy Watts ~~with the British and engaged~~  
the property of W. Lane Parran with the  
British engaged in bringing water to the women  
who were washing on shore and that  
he has never seen either of the said Negroes  
since

affirmed before

Thomas Mitchell

State of Maryland Calvert County &c

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman

before whom ~~the~~ above deposition was made was taken and who has thereto subscribed  
his name at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace of the said State  
in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
my name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County  
this twenty sixth day of March in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
eight.  
William D. Morse Clerk of Calvert County

State of Maryland Calvert County  
On this seventeenth day of March 1828 personally  
appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of  
the Peace of the State & County aforesaid Mr  
Edward Smothery and made oath on the Holy Evangel  
of Almighty God that he knew for in Gods  
property of Mr. James Parran that he had  
Flora Gantt the mother of Molly or Polly  
Gantt for his wife that he also knew  
Anney the wife of a Free Man called  
Guy Skinner & the two children called  
Peg & Sophy, one the child of Anney and  
the other the niece of in Gods, that the  
said in Gods Anney & Peg & Sophy went  
on board the British Fleet in the Packet  
near the residence of Mr. Parran in  
the year 1814 and have never been  
seen by him since and he is  
further that they have not returned  
to their Home. Since that period

Done before me  
Michael Calvert

State of Maryland Calvert County

I hereby certify that Hezekiah Coberth Gentleman  
before whom the within deposition was made and taken and who has thereto  
subscribed and was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace of the  
said County for Calvert County aforesaid duly sworn and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court  
this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

William L. Mordelet Clerk of  
Calvert County Court

Sam. Parran

Adm. Testimony

Recd. March 24<sup>th</sup> 1828

No. 700

Calo!

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Sherrinath transmit a list of the Negroes belonging to me, ~~that~~ who went on board the British Fleet whilst in the vicinity of the Patuxent in the Month of July 1814-

Davy aged 40 yrs - Male - Tradesman	\$ 500.00
Jim aged 37 yrs - Male	400.00
Damon aged 24 yrs - Male	500.00
Amey aged 24 yrs - Female	350.00
Peggy or Margaret aged 9 yrs - Female	250.00
Polly a Child of Amey's aged 3 yrs - Female	100.00
	\$ 2,100.00

Jane Parrann

State of Maryland Calo! County S. 28<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1821

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Calo! County Sam<sup>l</sup> Turner the next door Neighbour of Mr. Jane Parrann and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he knew Davy Jim Damon & Amey - that they all except Davy went off the same night as he was informed and believing by the Overseer of Mr. Parrann who is since dead, the Children included, that some few days afterwards, the British landed on a plundering expedition - that this deponent found out they had gotten his work Oxen that for the purpose of again obtaining them from the British, he went to their place of embarkation on Grand Creek and very near where this deponent then lived, that he then saw Jim Negro Man Jim armed with a Cutlass and Davy sitting in one of the barges having just gone to them, this deponent having seen him but a few hours before in the employment of his Master on the Farms they were fine looking Negroes and worth as much as any Negroes in the State of this age and vocation and they think the prices at which they are charged are correct -  
more to be said

Wm C Dawson



State of Maryland Calvert County &c

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Calvert County this twenty eighth day of April 1821. John Mackall a near Neighbor of Mr Lane Parram and made oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that he knew Davy, Lim, Damon Negro Men & Woman Anney and Girls Peggy or Margaret and Sophy the property of Mr Lane Parram, that the said Negroes, except, Davy all absconded on the same night some time in the month of July 1814 & whilst the British Fleet was in the Patent and that he verily believes they went on board said Fleet - and that they are set down at a fair price -

Wm C Dawkins

State of Maryland, Calvert County &c.

I Hereby certify that William C Dawkins Gentleman before whom the annexed depositions were made and taken and who had thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing one of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County of said duty Commissioner and sworn...

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office this sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one.

Wm J Mossell clk of Calvert County Court



So the care of  
Captain James Strain Morrison  
who sails to Ballymore from Chesapeake Bay  
Write to Mrs. G. from  
Jacob Goola Newcastle to be forwarded to  
Henry Gopp. who lives about Leonard's Creek  
N. C.

Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> 1825

Dear Sister

I embrace this favourable opportunity of sending  
you these few lines from Nova Scotia hoping they may find you  
in Perfect health as they have now a Parent dear Sister it is  
with Ecstasy of Joy I have to announce to you that your Brother James  
Gopp is still living in Nova Scotia and also your Sister aggy Joseph  
Mason my old Playmate With gladness of heart I embrace this opportu-  
nity of letting you know that I am a live and well in Nova Scotia and  
I earnestly hope that you may find an opportunity of sending me a few  
lines back which shall afford me every consolation to hear from you  
dear daughter Molly gant with gladness your mother embraces this  
opportunity of sending you these few lines in order to let you know  
that I am in a poor state of health this year or two back still  
I ardently hope that these few lines will find you in Perfect health  
although I should not I hope you will find an opportunity of  
sending me a few lines and let me know every Particulars concerning  
how you are situated. John Parson I am happy of having an  
opportunity of letting you know and your Sisters and little ones that  
I am a live

had not in a good state of health and indeed I never before seen  
this world but still I cordially hope that these few lines will find you  
all in perfect health which is the wish of my heart, Dak Michel my  
Compliments to you and I hope that this will find you in good health  
although I should not be so - Margaret Goble my Compliments to you  
and your children hoping that these few lines will find you in good  
health and I should be very glad if you could find an opportunity of sending  
me a few lines I should be very happy to hear from you. Edw.  
Rollins and William Rollins my Compliments to you and I hope they will  
find you in good health and if an opportunity should appear I should be  
very glad to hear from you, David Watts a cousin of mine and my wife  
safely landed in Nova Scotia I live some distance from him but I have an  
opportunity of frequently hearing from him and as I know that his Mother  
and sisters would be glad to hear from him I let them know that he is  
alive and well. I know that John Parrons would be glad to hear from his  
Brother deamon Parrons but I have not seen him since the Peace as he  
Enlisted as a Soldier under the Banner of his Britannick Majesty and he  
remains so still. My Compliments to all my relations and friends in  
America and I hope my Compliments will find them all well and hearty  
and I remain yr. affectional Brother - James Grop.

State of Maryland Calvert County J.C.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> February 1828 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Calvert County William C. Pawkins and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God that ~~the annexed letter~~ he was Post Master at St. Leonard Creek Town in the year 1826 and that some time in the Winter of 1826 to the best of his recollection in the month of February the annexed letter came to the Post office at St. Leonard, that he delivered it to John Parran the Slave of Benjamin Parran to be delivered to Chaney Graft that some short time after it was brought to this deponent to be read. that he read it & returned it to the said John Parran, that he also knows Joe Mason a Freeman who resides in the neighbourhood of St. Leonard also Oak Michel or Mashall the Slave of Mr. Jane Parran and John Parran the Slave of Benjamin Parran the son of Mr. Jane Parran all of whom are mentioned in the above letter, that he also knew Davy Watty mentioned in the above letter as being landed in Nova Scotia, who was the Slave of Mr. Jane Parran and who went off with the British in the summer of 1814.

I sworn before

Thos. B. King

State of Maryland Calvert County

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland and County of Calvert on the duty lawfully enjoined upon me by the duty of Almighty God that he knew James Grop whose name is to the above letter - that he was the slave of Mr. Jane Parran of Calvert County that he went off with the British in the year 1814 - that he knows Joe Mason a Freeman who lives in the neighbourhood of St. Leonard's Creek Town - that he also knows Oak Marshall John Parran Margaret Goaler Thomas O'Neil & William O'Neil who were at that time with the exception of John Parran the slave of Mr. Jane Parran - that John Parran belongs to Benja. Parran. he also knew David Watts & Deamon Parran also the slaves of Mr. Jane Parran both of whom went off with the British in the summer of 1814. that Deamon Parran was the brother of John Parran and from the correct references to the negroes in the neighbourhood and particularly to the negroes of Mr. Jane Parran he has no doubt the letter was dictated by James Grop - he also knows Chancy Grop to whom the letter is addressed and that she lives about two or three miles from St. Leonard's Creek Town

Sworn before  
Thos. B. King

State of Maryland Calvert County

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the State of Maryland and County of Calvert John Barrett and makes oath on the duty lawfully enjoined upon me by the duty of Almighty God that he knows Chancy Grop to whom the above letter is directed and that he also knows James Grop whose name is to the above letter and the slave of Mr. Jane Parran and that he heard Chancy Grop say that she had received a letter from her brother James Grop

Sworn before  
Thomas B. King

Calvert County State of Maryland  
 on this 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1828 personally app-  
 -eared before Henry Tanner, before me the sub-  
 scribed a Justice of the Peace, for county and  
 State aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy  
 Evangel of almighty God. That he knew  
 Day Wats, Jamy Grop, Damon Parran, Amy  
 Skinner, Peggy, a girl, and Sophia, a child, and  
 that he knew Guy Skinner a free Negro man  
 about 35 years of age, claimed Amy Skinner  
 for a wife, and that he knew the six first men-  
 tioned Negroes to be the property of Mrs Jane Parran  
 and that he believes they all went to the British  
 in the month of July or August, in the year  
 1814, as they were all misson, and the British  
 then within 2 or 3 miles of Mrs Parrans Farm  
 and they have never been seen since except with  
 the British, and that Guy Skinner was misson  
 with Mrs Parrans Negroes, and has never been  
 seen since except with the British

Sworn before  
 Thomas B King

State of Maryland Calvert County J. P.  
 On the twentieth day of February eighteen hundred  
 and twenty eight personally appeared Mary Ridgway  
 and twenty eight personally appeared Mary Ridgway  
 before me the subscribed a Justice of the Peace  
 of the State and County aforesaid, and made oath  
 on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God ~~and~~  
 that she knew negro James Grop to be the property  
 of Jane Parran in the month of July eighteen  
 hundred and fourteen and that she believes that  
 a certain letter bearing date the seventh day of  
 November eighteen hundred and twenty five from  
 Windsor Nova Scotia were written under the  
 direction of said James Grop and forwarded to  
 Chancy Grop who lived at that time in Calvert  
 County near St Leonard Creek and who is  
<sup>to be the</sup> sister of said James Grop - and that David Wats  
 and Damon Parran mentioned in said letter were  
 the property of Mrs Jane Parran and that all the  
 other negroes mentioned in said letter were here at  
 the time James went to the British and belonged to  
 the same family that said James belonged to - except  
 three viz Joseph Mason, Polly Gant, and said  
 Chancy Grop - also that Mrs Mary Ridgway -  
 knew negro woman Ann her child Sophia and  
 and negro girl Peggy to be the property of Mrs  
 Jane Parran in eighteen hundred and fourteen  
 and absconded on the same night that said James  
~~and~~; and has never been seen since  
 Sworn to before Levin W Ballard

State of Maryland Calvert County J. P.  
 On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appeared before  
 me the subscribed a Justice of the Peace of the State and  
 County aforesaid <sup>Joseph B. King</sup> and makes oath on the Holy Evangel of almighty  
 God - that he knew James Grop whose name is  
 to the above letter - that he was the slave of Mr  
 Jane Parran of Calvert County that he went off with  
 the British in the year 1814 - that he knows Joe Mason  
 a Freeman who lives in the neighborhood of St Leonard  
 Creek Lord - that he also knows Oak Muckall John  
 Parran Margaret Goaler Thomas B King & William  
 Asling who were at that time with the exception of  
 John Parran the slave of Mr Jane Parran - that  
 John Parran belongs to Benja Parran. he also knew  
 David Wats & Damon Parran also the slave of  
 Mr Jane Parran both of whom went off with  
 the British in the summer of 1814. that Damon Parran  
 was the brother of John Parran and from the correct  
 references to the Negroes in the neighborhood and  
 particularly to the Negroes of Mr Jane Parran he  
 has no doubt the letter was dictated by  
 James Grop - he also knows Chancy Grop to whom  
 the letter is addressed and that she lives about  
 two or three miles from St Leonard Creek Lord

Sworn before  
 Thomas B King

State of Maryland Calvert County J. P.  
 on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appeared before  
 me the subscribed a Justice of the Peace for the State  
 and County aforesaid John Barrett and makes oath on the  
 Holy Evangel of Almighty God that he knows Chancy Grop  
 to whom the above letter is directed and that he also knew  
 James Grop whose name is to the above letter and  
 the slave of Mr Jane Parran and that he heard Chancy  
 Grop say that she had received a letter from his  
 brother James Grop

Sworn before  
 Thomas B King

State of Maryland, Calvert County J. P.  
 I hereby certify that Thomas B King and  
 Levin W Ballard Gentlemen before whom the annexed depositions were made  
 and taken and who have thereto subscribed their names were at the time of so  
 doing two Justices of the Peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid  
 duly sworn.  
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
 my name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County  
 at this twenty sixth day of February in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
 eight.  
 William J. Russell Clerk of  
 Calvert County Court

State of Maryland Calvert County  
personally appeared before me the  
subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the  
State & County aforesaid, and makes oath  
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that  
he knew Jim otherwise called Jim Goff  
the property of Jane Parran for a  
number of years and that the said  
Jim was called and known by the  
name of Jim Goff, and that he saw him  
with the ~~hair~~ <sup>hair</sup> shorn with a sword —  
I swore before

The V<sup>o</sup> King  
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Mr. Jane. Parran

Power of attorney  
& deposition

Rec? March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1828

28 Mar: 1828

Taking of all proved  
for Damon - Ind<sup>n</sup> Diamond  
Paine<sup>n</sup> B: Dec: p: 21.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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May 23 - 1828

for six slaves taken  
from W<sup>m</sup> @ \$280

\$1680

Int. received

*[Handwritten signature]*