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Israel T Canby
Exp of Ann Sprigg
6 Slaves


Northington
Agent -

19th July 1828 - Allow^{ed}
to the duly authorised repre
sentatives of Ann Sprigg
for six slaves taken
from the any land at
\$280 each \$1680 - In
Trust Received

State of Maryland
Prince Georges County

Personally appeared before
me John Smith Magruder a Justice of
the Peace in and for said County W.
Charles Blagitt who being duly sworn
deposeth and saith That he was well
acquainted with two negro men belonging
to Miss Ann Sprigg named Charles & Tom
That the said negroes left home on the
twenty sixth or seventh of August 1814
and as he was informed and believes went
off with the British Army. The said
negroes were the most valuable kind of
plantation hands and this deponent con-
sidered them worth at that time five
hundred dollars each -

Given under my hand this 18th Day
1823

John S. Magruder


State of Maryland Prince Georges ^{County} ~~for~~

Personally appeared before me a Justice
of the Peace in and for said County Philip
V. Wynn who being duly sworn deposes and
saith that he was made prisoner in August
1814 and carried on board of the British
fleet then in Patuxent River and that whilst
there he observed several times a negro man
named George belonging to Trueman Tyler
Esq. and his wife and child who he under-
stood belonged to Miss Ann Sprigg then
of this County

Given under my hand this
18th day of January 1823

Sworn before

James Kemp

Deponent of
Charles Blagden

State of Maryland Prince Georges County
Personally appeared before me a Justice
of Peace in and for said County John
H. Hall who being duly sworn deposed and
swore That he was well acquainted with
two black men belonging to Mrs. Ansping
named Charles and Tom. That he saw
said men frequently with the British troops
in upper Marlboro and he believes he saw
them with said troops the morning when
the British army left Marlboro for Washington
and from the information this deponent
received at the time he verily believes
said men went off with the said
Army and he has never heard of
them since in this part of the country
Given under my hand this 3^d Feb
1823

Sworn before

James M. M. M.

Maryland Prince Georges County
 I hereby certify that John Smith Magruder Gentleman be fore whom
 the first aforesaid deposition and James Kemp Gentleman be fore
 whom the two last aforesaid depositions appear to have been made
 and who have to the same ^{depositions} subscribed their names were at the time
 of the taking and subscribing the same and Held as two of the State
 of Maryland Justices of the Peace in and for said County duly
 Commissioned and sworn

In Testimony whereof I have here to set
 my hand and affixed the Public Seal
 of my office this third day of February
 Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and
 twenty two.

Equita Beall
 J. G. C. 1822



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Canby J. S. Madison
14 Nov. 1823
Recd. 3 Dec. 1

6. Slaves

Canby J. S.

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The Hon. Jonathan Jennings

Washington

Madison Nov. 14th 1823

Dear Sir

The claim against the British Government which I mentioned to you is for six slaves taken off by the British Army in its retreat from Washington. The evidence of their having been taken on board the flat in Patuxent is in the departments of State and I presume they accompanied the army to New Orleans. But I have no evidence of this fact and I presume it will be very difficult to procure such evidence. Indeed, if it is necessary to prove that slaves were actually in the waters of the United States at the time of the Exchange of the ratification of the treaty, the first article so far as it respects slaves is altogether illusory. The point to which I would particularly invite your attention is the nature of the evidence required and how far the British or our own government can furnish evidence of the status of particular ships at the time it is necessary

to prove that slaves were on board said ships.
I shall be happy also to be informed what amount
value has been agreed upon, and such other
facts as may have a bearing upon the case.

I shall be happy to hear from you as soon as
possible as I wish to start by the first of Jan.
if it should be necessary for me to attend to the
business

Respectfully your friend

L. S. Canby

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1828. by letter of
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letter left, had been
shewn to them the State
Department - but
had proof would be filed
received & initials
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Col. Aaron Ogden
Secretary V. K.

House Rep. Jan 4th 1828

Col. Aaron Ogden
Sir.

Enclosed is a note from the Department
of state relative to the case of J. T. Canby of Indiana.
This note intimates that the evidence to support this
claim for slaves taken by the British, was sent
to the office of the Commission -

I hope under circumstances, Mr. Canby's
claim may not be affected by absence of papers, but
if such be the case, I should be glad to be informed,
that he may in time, be apprized of any danger
of his claim, in due time.

Yours very respectfully

Jonathan Jennings

L. J. Canby

Rec^d December 28th

Edw. Aaron Ogden

Secretary of the Board

Under the Treaty of Ghent

Washington City

Edw. A. Ogden

Sir.

House Rep. Dec. 20th 1827

One of my constituents, late a citizen of Maryland; Dec^r. Israel T. Canby, is a claimant, under the Treaty of Ghent, for slaves taken by the British, during the late war. His claim has been filed some time since.

His object is to be informed, what is required by the Commissioners of your Board, under the character of evidence, to substantiate such claim, particularly, as to ~~such~~ slaves being within the waters of the United States at the time of the signing of the Treaty aforesaid. Any further information, proper for you to give, and interesting for Dec^r. I. T. Canby to know, will be gratefully received—

Y^r respectfully yours ob^{ly}

Jonathan Jennings

State of Indiana Jefferson County Sit.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Sarah Canby who being duly sworn deposes and saith that she lived in the family of the late Ann Spragg from December 1807 until the time of her death in 1816 That she was well acquainted with all her slaves and that the said Ann resided within about two miles of Upper Marlboro in August 1814 when the British Army invaded Maryland and captured Washington That six of the slaves of the said Ann went off with said Army in its retreat as she was informed at the time, and verily believes, that she derived her information from a number of Black persons who were well acquainted with the above mentioned slaves and also from several white persons who saw them with the British Army in its retreat Amongst whom she recollects the late Mr John Hodges of Marlboro who informed the said Ann and this deponent that he saw Tom taken into the British service and employed as a driver of a cart and Owen Mr. Hodges was also acquainted with the two women Maria & Kitty and saw them leave Marlboro in company with the Army That some days afterward she was informed that a black man had left the British fleet as it ascended the Chesapeake for Baltimore who stated ^{that} Charles Stewart was on board the vessel that he left. And this deponent has never since heard of the aforesaid slaves.

Sarah Canby

Sworn and Subscribed to before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Jefferson and State of Indiana this 6th day of June 1828 W.P. Wharton J.P.

~~The State of Indiana~~
~~Jefferson County~~

The State of Indiana
Jefferson County ¹⁸²⁸ I Richard C. Talbot
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court do hereby
certify that William C. Wharton Esq: who took
the foregoing ^{depositions} ~~depositions~~, ^{at the time of taking}
the same and now is an acting Justice of
the Peace duly commissioned and qualified as
such and that full faith and credit are due
and ought to be given to all his official acts as
such

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal of the
Court aforesaid at Madison this 6th
day of June 1828

R. C. Talbot C. Clerk

State of Indiana Jefferson County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace
in and for said County Israel T. Canby, who being
duly sworn deposes and saith, That he resided with
the late Ann Sprigg from the year 1810 until her death
in 18 and was well acquainted with all her slaves
that in August 1814 when the British Army under
the command of Genl Rop, invaded Maryland and
captured Washington said Ann resided within two
miles of Upper Marlboro' when the British Army halted
both on its approach to and retreat from Washington
and that six slaves belonging to said Ann went
off with said Army in its retreat from Marlboro' as
this deponent was informed at the time and truly
believes, that the names of said slaves were Charles
Stewart, Tom (frequently called Tom Bett, Tom Black
stone and several other names not now recollectd)
Maria Henson & her child ^{Amey} of two year old
Kitty wife of Geo. Carroll and Henry her child
of one year old, that this deponent frequently saw
said Negroes going to Marlboro' while the British
troops lay there, that he was informed by several
black persons well acquainted with them, that they
went off with the Army and actually embarked on
board of the ^{British} vessels then lying in Potomac before
Nottingham, that he was also informed by the late
Mr John Hodges of Marlboro' that he saw Charles
and Tom and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} women under march with
said Army, and that Tom was put with a cart
and oxen as driver, that the late Dr Wm Hill
also saw several of said slaves on board the
British fleet when said Hill was detained
as prisoner as said Hill informed this deponent

That he received similar information from Mr. Thomas
and Doct^r. Beans; and that Mr. Tyler of Marlboro
saw Kitty and Maria and children go off in com-
pany with his man Geo. Carroll. And that said
Negroes have never been heard of by this deponent
since the British fleet left the waters of United States
State of ~~Indiana~~ Jefferson County, Israel T. Comby
Sworn to and subscribed before me a
Justice of Peace in and for said County
this 6th day of June 1828 William C. Wharton J.P. C.

See among the papers of Charles
Borvie a deposition -

State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit

Be it remembered that on this 26th day of
February 1828 personally appeared before me a
Justice of the Peace in and for said County
Frederick Ford and made oath on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God that he was
in ~~Upper~~ Marlboro' about the last of August
1814 when the British Army returned from
Washington and that he saw with said Army
Charles Stewart, Tom Bell (Alias Bell, Alias
Blackstone) Maria & Child and Kitty
and child ^{the wife and child of George Carroll} all the property of Miss Ann Spigg
and that he afterwards saw them under March
below Marlboro' with said Army and that he
verily believes the above named persons went
on board the British fleet then lying before
Nottingham as he heard so at the time and
has not heard of said persons since
sworn to before B. Bowling

State of Maryland Prince Georges County So.

Sheweth certify that Paul Bowling gentleman before
whom the within affidavit was made and whose name is thereto
signed was at the time thereof and still is a Justice of the Peace
of said State in and for said County duly Commissioned and sworn
and to all who act as such full faith and credit is and
ought to be given.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the
Seal of the County Court of the County aforesaid
this twenty fourth day of February eighteen
hundred and twenty eight

Aquiea Beall Clerk of
Prince Georges County Court

In the Case of Ann Spring
rec'd March 1st

Israel T Canby Exr of Ann Sprigg-

In addition to the depositions in
this case see for Charles Stewart
documents printed page 54-16
For Kitty Carroll & child page 77-

Israel T Canby Executor of Ann Sprigg
 formerly of Prince Georges County State of
 Maryland claims from the British Govern-
 ment compensation for six slaves taken away
 from Upper Marlboro' in August 1814 by
 the British Army (to wit) One negro man named
 Charles about thirty three years old value six
 hundred dollars Also one other negro man named
 Tom about twenty two years old value five
 hundred dollars One negro woman named
 Maria aged about twenty two years value three
 hundred and fifty dollars and her female child
 about two years old value fifty dollars Also
 one other woman slave named Betty aged
 about twenty years value three hundred and
 fifty dollars and her male child of more
 than a year old value fifty dollars. The above
 named negroes were all slaves of the most
 valuable kind; the women were house servants
 and it is believed would at that time, ^{have} brought the
 prices above mentioned and the valuation of the
 men, what was actually offered for them a very

Spring, Miss Ann, Dec? by Prince Georges
 County, Israel T. Canby, }
 Co. W. G.

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6 slaves - \$1900

Charles	—	33	—	\$600
Tom	—	22	—	500
Maria	—	22	—	350
Her dau's	2	—	—	50
Betty	—	20	—	350
Her son	—	1	—	50
				<u>1900</u>

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short time before they were taken away.

In support of this claim the following facts are submitted.

That the said Slaves left the plantation of their Mistress on the twenty sixth or seventh of August 1814 whilst the British Army lay in Upper Marlboro'. That they were repeatedly seen with said army whilst in Marlboro' and that they actually went off with the army and were afterwards seen on board the British fleet in Patuxent River and that they have never since been heard of in the United States.

The death of several persons who saw these negroes with the British army prevents the evidence being so satisfactory as it would have been had their depositions have been taken.

District of Columbia
Washington County to wit

Personally appeared before me Israel T. Canby who ~~says~~ being duly sworn deposes and says that he lived with Ann Sprigg in August 1814 and continued to reside with her until the period of her death and that

The above statement relates to the negroes taken away by the British Army to the best of his knowledge and belief sworn to this thirtieth day of February 1823

W. M. COX
Justice of Peace

Jennings Esq. H. R.

31. Dec. 1827

Recd. 1. Jan'y 1828

respecting claims for slaves.

House Rep. 31st Dec. 1827

Hon. W. Ledy

Sir.

I have to request, in behalf of Do^r. J. S. Lamb of Madison Ind.^a, that whatever evidence may be lodged in the Department of state, in favour of his claim, to indemnification, for six slaves, under the Treaty of Ghent, may be sent to the Secretary (Col. Ogden) of the Commission, who have these claims under their consideration.

Very respectfully your obt. St.
Jonathan Jennings

The Hon

W. Ledy

Dept. of State