

Deposition of
Ann M. Biscoe
relative to Slaves of
Edward Calvert
filed Jan'y 19th 1828

Maryland Prince Georges County &c.
Be it remembered that on this 3rd day of January
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
eight personally appeared Ann Maria 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
sayeth that during the invasion of the British in the year
one thousand eight hundred and fourteen and at a period when
a part of the British fleet lay at the Mouth of Patuxent River
near Town Creek, in the County of Saint Marys and State aforesaid
she the deponent saw at her Fathers house (dressed in uniform
a Negro man from on board one of the British ships - the ships
name she believes was Severn. Capt. Nourse, who stated
that he belonged to Major Edward H. Calvert (of Prince Georges
County, M^d.) and on hearing Negro John the property of Major
Edw. H. Calvert described she verily believes said Negro
to have been his property. this Negro was accompanied by
other blacks at the time she saw him at her Fathers House.
this deponent knows that said Negro, has never returned to
Major Calvert his owner.

Sworn before
Thos. Bruce

State of Maryland Prince Georges County

I hereby certify that Thomas Bruce
gentleman before whom the within affidavit
was made and whose name is thereto signed was
at the time of taking the same and signing it
one of the Justices of the peace of said State in
and for said County duly commissioned sworn
and to all whose acts as such free faith and
credit ought to be given

In Testimony whereof I have
unto subscribed my name and
affixed the seal of Prince Georges
County for this Ninth day of
January Eighteen hundred twenty eight.

Aquila Beall Clerk of
Prince Georges County

Edw. A. Calvert. Lost Negroes John, Tom, Charles, & William
all of which are mentioned in the defective list.

Tom - see page 1st - 2nd

John - 1 - 9 - 12

Charles - 20 - 27 -

William - 8. 9 - 23

The deposition of Thomas Blutt
Thomas Blutt of Anne Arundell County in the State
of Maryland being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelies
of Almighty God doth depose and say that he was
Overseer for Major Edward M. Calvert of Prince
Georges County and State aforesaid in the year One thousand
and eight hundred and fourteen and that in the month
August of the said year before the British landed at
Pennisland on their March to Washington City; He
was sent by the said Calvert in pursuit of four of
his negroes namely Tom, Charles, John and Will who
had absconded from his plantation to the British
fleet then lying at the mouth of Patuxent River
On way way down in pursuit of the said negroes
in company with Mr. James a tailor and Mr. Calvert's
servant (Lad) Jack we called at several houses, and
on describing the negroes were told that they passed on
the way down the day before, we also heard of them
at the mouth of the Patuxent we continued down
as far as Beda Point at which place we were
surprised and taken by a party of British Soldiers
and carried to gather with our horses on board the
shipping and detained until the British forces arriv-
ed at upper Marlboro and further this deponent
saith that the said negroes were prime hands,
and in his opinion would have sold for five hun-
dred dollars each and further this deponent saith
that while on board of the fleet then at the
mouth of Patuxent he ascribed the negroes
and was informed by the British soldiers and sailors
that the said negroes were taken on board the
day before and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to before me the subscriber one of the
the Justices of the Peace for Prince Georges County
in the State of Maryland the Twenty eight day
of June in year of our Lord one thousand eight
and Twenty one —

James Kemp

My said Prince Georges County to wit

I hereby Certify that James Kemp Gentleman
before whom the aforesaid affidavit appears to have been
made and who has thereto subscribed his name as at
the time of so doing and still is a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County duly commissioned and sworn

In Testimony whereof I have here to subscribed
my name and affixed the public seal of my
Office this Seventeenth day of July and
Domini One thousand Eight hundred and
Twenty one.

Aquila Peau MR
P. Geo. County



George Town 20th May 1814

Dear Sir

I regret very much that the letter from Colo. Barclay, British Com: Missary General of Prisoners, residing in this country, during a part of the late War, on the subject of certain Slaves taken by the Enemy from Mr. Edward Calvert, which you desire to have, for the purpose of laying it before the Commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent, cannot be found.

I recollect very well the contents of that letter, that it was addressed to the Commander of the British Naval Forces, then in the waters of the Chesapeake, I think to Admiral Cornwall; that it came into my possession as American Commissary General of Prisoners, within a few days after its date, in the month of August 1814; and that it was treated as an intercepted letter

and

To
George Calvert Esq
Chirsdale

and not permitted to pass to the
Enemy, because of the manner in which
it was proposed by Colo. Barclay to be
sent, and that aside of its general
Tenor, there was some matter in it,
deemed improper to be communi-
cated; and the general tenor of
the letter was, to state to Admiral
Conchoran (or the British officer to
whom it was addressed) that he had
learned that some (I think he stated
some three or four) of the Slaves
of the Edward Calvert had gone
off to, or were taken off by, the forces
under the Admiral's command, and
to entreat him particularly, as a
favor to be done him, Colo. Barclay
to have the said Slaves restored.

The Letter as I have before said,
was never sent to its destination.
Colo. Barclay was soon after sent
out of the Country, and officiously
I know no more of the matter; but

I always understood, and believed
that these Slaves were never res-
tored.

With much Regard & Respect
I am Sir
Your very Obedt Servt:

J. Norton

To
George Calvert Esqr

To the Honble

John Quincy Adams

Secretary of State

Washington City

Slaves Dep. and
2 papers
Calvert, Edw. H. - Upper Marlboro'
28 June 1821
rec. 21 July

4 Slaves - \$2000 -

500 each

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Recd. 21 July

Hon^{ble}
John Quincy Adams
Esq

Upper Marlboro Md 28/1821

Agreeably to the Instructions of
the Governor of Maryland I trans-
mit enclosed a statement of the negro
slaves my property who Absconded and
were carried away by the British
from the County of Prince Georges
and State of Maryland

I am with due respect

yr^o O^{bl} servant

Edward H Calvert

July 28, 1821

The Honourable

John C. Meems

Washington City

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the Disposition
of Mrs Ann Maria Biscoe the Wife of General
George M Biscoe, who lived with her Father at the
time my Negroes went to the British. You will oblige
me by presenting it to the Commissioners. Any assistance
you may render me in this business will be

Thankfully acknowledged by

Your sincere Friend

Edward A Calvert
January 15, 1828

A list of Negro Slaves belonging to Edward H. Calvert, of Mount Airy, in the County of Prince Georges and State of Maryland who absconded and were taken away by the British during their invasion in the year 1814

No of Slaves	Names of Slaves	No of Slaves	Value of Slaves when carried away
1	Tom	Twenty five	Five hundred Dollars --- \$500
2	Charles	Twenty five	Ditto Ditto --- 500
3	John	Twenty two	Ditto --- 500
4	William	Nineteen	Ditto --- 500
			\$2000

State of Maryland Prince Georges County To Wit

On this twenty eighth day of June 1821 before me the subscriber one of the justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid appears E. H. Calvert and makes oath before me by the Evangel of Almighty God that the above account is just and true as it stands stated

James Kemp

Maryland Prince Georges County To Wit. I hereby certify that James Kemp gentleman, before whom the above affidavit appears to have been made and whose name is thereto subscribed, was at the time of the making and signing thereof and now is one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn and to all whose acts as such he due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as otherwise

In Testimony whereof I do hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Prince Georges County Court this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

Requilda Beale
J. B. B.



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Edward H. Calvert

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Geo Calvert
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19th July 1838 allowed
for four slaves taken
from Mary land @ \$280
each, making \$1120 - Int.
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