

State of Maryland <sup>Filed 2<sup>nd</sup> August.</sup>  
Anne Arundel County to wit  
on this 31<sup>st</sup> of July 1821 before me the subscribers one  
of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County,  
appears Lewis Veth Junior, citizen of Annapolis,  
and makes oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty  
God that being provided with a flag of truce by the  
Governor of Maryland, he went on board the Portish  
Ship Menelaus, commanded by Captain Dix,  
when she was going down the bay after the death  
of her late Commander Sir Peter Parker, that  
he went for the purpose of soliciting the delivery  
of a number of Negroes who had availed themselves  
of the opportunity which this vessel offered, to escape  
to the Enemy, that upon going on board he this  
deponent was permitted to ~~have~~ see the negroes mustered  
before him, that he saw and conversed with a slave  
who had left this deponent's Father, said slave  
being a stout healthy lad and accustomed to  
work on a farm, that this deponent invited the said

Not. Lewis - Annapolis, 31 July 1821.  
New York Rep. Atlas Roll, age 14, \$300.

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Slave <sup>to</sup> return with him but he declined, <sup>expressing</sup>  
a desire at the same time to travel, that this  
deponent has since understood that this slave  
entered into the British service, and wrote to his  
mother, that he had shipped himself on board  
of one of his Majesty's ships and was on the India  
Station. said slave was named William Ross, and  
was commonly called Rolla.

Gidron White

and now also personally appears Lewis Neth  
citizen of Annapolis, and father to the above deponent  
deponent and being sworn on the holy Evangel of  
Almighty God, deposes and says, that the said  
slave named William Ross, alias Rolla, as men-  
tioned in the above deposition has never returned  
to his service since the time of his departure, nor  
has he this deponent ever received any infor-  
mation for his loss, and he thinks that the slave

at the time <sup>when</sup> he went off to the British was of the  
age of fourteen years or upwards, and supposes  
would have commanded if sold three hundred  
Dollars

Gidron White

James A. Under County Jail

I hereby certify that Gidron White  
gentleman who appears to have taken and signed  
the aforesaid depositions was at the time of so  
doing one of the State of Maryland Justices of the  
peace in and for Anne Arundel County duly  
commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have set my  
name and affixed the seal of Anne  
Arundel County County Court this first day  
of August Eighteen hundred and  
twenty one

Wm. Green & Co



from the Maryland Gazette Dec. 22, 1814

"Upon the return of the British frigate Menelaus down the Bay on Sunday last, she came to anchor nearly opposite this City, where she continued for the night. While at anchor negroes to the amount of between twenty and thirty, the property of different individuals in this City and neighbourhood, went off to her and were taken down the Bay."

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State of Maryland Anne Arundel county Court  
On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823 personally appears Jonas Green Esq. before me the subscriber a justice of the peace of the state and county aforesaid, and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelys, deposes, that he is Printer and Editor of a paper called the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer, published in the city of Annapolis, and that the above paragraph is a true copy of that which appeared in said paper on the twenty second of December eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Gideon White

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With Lewis - Annapolis Md  
deposited by  
H. M. L. R. 2 - 30 Aug 1823.

New York and 1823

19<sup>th</sup> July 1823

Witness for the above  
taken from Maryland  
@ \$ 385 - L. H. M. M.



State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit  
On this 28<sup>th</sup> July 1823 also appears Lewis Both junior  
before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of the  
State and County aforesaid and being duly sworn  
on the holy Evangelists deposes to the best of his know-  
ledge and belief, that a negro boy named Polla  
alias William Rap belonging to Lewis Both  
of the city of Annapolis, father of the deponent, went  
off to the said ship Menelaus ~~about the~~  
~~night~~ about the time mentioned in said paragraph  
extracted from the Maryland Gazette as above, and  
that he the said deponent went off to the same  
law for the purpose of demanding said negroes  
generally acting as well for his father as for  
Mr. C. one of the owners of part of said negroes,  
and that when on board of said ship Menelaus,  
then commanded by Capt<sup>n</sup> J. D. D. as he understood of Sir Peter Parker <sup>at Captain</sup> he then and  
there did see said negro boy Polla alias  
William Rap, and that this deponent believes  
that the said negro was carried out of the bay

and that there has been received no satisfaction or  
indemnity for the loss sustained by his so going off.

Gideon White

Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit  
I hereby certify that Gideon White  
Gentleman who appears to have taken and signed the  
within and foregoing affidavit was at the time of so  
doing one of the said State's Justices of the Peace in and  
for the County aforesaid duly Commissioned and sworn  
In testimony whereof I hereto set  
my name and affix the seal of Anne  
Arundel County Court this twenty eighth  
day of July in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and twenty three  
J. Green Co. Secy. Co.