

Congress Hall June 7 31st 1822

Sir) I am requested to transmit to you the
Claim of Reeb^d Shaw of Baltimore County Maryland
for two Slaves stolen by the Merchant Company on
their approach to Baltimore in Sep^r 1814 - I should
be glad to know if other than the enclosed testi-
mony may be required to substantiate his claim,
be pleased to inform me -

With great respect

Your Obedt Servt

Peter Little

Hon. John Q. Adams
Sec. of State

Shaw
Baltimore

Shaw, Reeb, husband of
Shaw, Mary, formerly
Todd, Mary, wife of John
Todd, Thomas, dec'd
Baltimore Co
Md

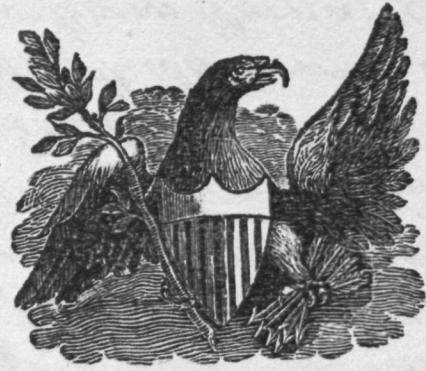
in a letter from
Little, Peter (M.C.) Congress Hall 31 Jan 1822

Two Slaves - \$600

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Peter Little
Congress Hall 31 Jan 1822

United States of America,
STATE OF MARYLAND—TO WIT.



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I, JOHN GILL, Notary Public, by Letters
Patent under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
Commissioned and duly Qualified, residing in the City of
Baltimore, in the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify,
Attest and Make Known, That on the day of the

date hereof, before me Personally appeared, Richard Shaw, of Patapsco
Neck, near North Point, Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and made
Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, That while the British Fleet
lay in the Chesapeake Bay, off North Point, a large British Army were
landed from on board that Fleet, at or near North Point, under the
Command of Lieutenant General Ross, with a view to attack Balti-
more; and on their advance towards Baltimore, on Monday the 12th
September 1814, they took two Slaves— one named Abel, a coloured
Man, of a dark yellow complexion, aged between Twenty-six and
Thirty years. The other named Sam, a black man, aged between
Fifty-five and Sixty years— both Slaves to Barnard Todd, of Patapsco
Neck aforesaid, on whose Estate Letters of Administration were granted
to his Widow, Mary Todd, now the wife of Deponent, and as Depon-
ent believes, sent them on board said Fleet, since when Deponent
has not seen them. That Abel was worth Five Hundred Dollars,
and Sam One Hundred Dollars

Rich, Shaw

At the same time appeared as aforesaid, William
Shaw, of Patapsco Neck aforesaid, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God, That he resides in the neighbourhood of Richard
Shaw, above named, and is well acquainted with him and with his
family; and was acquainted with Barnard Todd who did live in
the same neighbourhood; and knows Barnard Todd had two Slaves,
one named Abel, a coloured Man of a dark yellow com-

Shaw, Rich's husband of Patapsco Neck
Shaw, Mary, formerly
Todd, Mary, 10th adm^r of
Todd, Barnard, dec'd
22 Feb. 1822

In Presence of 31 Jan 1822

Two Slaves - \$800

Abel - 266 10 - \$500
Sam - 57 60 - 100
600

complexion, aged between Twenty-six and Thirty years. The other named Sam, a black man, aged between Fifty-five and Sixty years, which were taken by the British on Monday the 12 September 1814 when they were on the advance for Baltimore, and deponent verily believes the British took said slaves with them on board said fleet, that the value of said slaves which Mr Richard Shaw has given in his deposition is as deponent believes strictly just and true and that since that period in a conversation between deponent and Stephen Onion a seafaring man who was raised in the same neighbourhood and who knew both of said slaves but who deponent now believes has departed this life said Stephen Onion told deponent he had seen the said slave Abel at Nafau in the Island of Providence having a British Uniform on and under arms

William Shaw

At the same time appeared as aforesaid William Bradford of Patuxent Neck aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Gospels of Almighty God that he resides in the family of William Shaw above named, has heard read the foregoing depositions of Richard Shaw and William Shaw and believes every thing therein stated is true, was acquainted with Bernard Todd and his family and with his two slaves Abel and Sam and knows said two slaves were taken by the British as therein stated. That John Griffin of Patuxent Neck who was taken by the British at the same time and taken in the fleet down as far as Patuxent and then put on shore but who is now dead informed deponent he saw both Mr Todd's slaves Abel and Sam on board the British fleet in the same ship said Griffin was, and left them on board that ship when Griffin was put on shore.

Griffin
+ Bradford
marks

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Of which an act having been of me requested I have granted these presents to serve and avail as need and occasion require



In Testimony Whereof I have
written to set my hand and affixed
my Notarial Seal the twenty second day
of February one thousand eight hundred
and twenty two
Wm. G. B. P.

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Bernard Todd Adm

2 Slaves

Wm W. W. W. W.
Att'y & Agent

for County

19th July 1828 allow^d to the
duly authorized representatives
of Bernard Todd dec^d - for
Two slaves taken from
Maryland @ \$250 each
making \$500 Int^r
rescued