

State of Maryland? Be it remembered that on this ^{Nineteenth} day
 Talbot County, to wit }
 of May in the Year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and twenty one, James
 Dawson of Talbot County afo^d, a native Citizen of the State afo^d of the United
 States, personally appeared before me Thomas Kemp — one of the State
 of Maryland's Justices of the Peace, in and for Talbot County afo^d duly com-
 missioned and qualified, and made Oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty
 God, that during the late War between the United States of America &
 His Britannic Majesty, He was taken a Prisoner in his own House
 somewhere on or about the twenty sixth day of August, in the Year Eighteen
 hundred and thirteen, by British Officers and Soldiers, that all his fami-
 ly had deserted his Dwelling House, leaving a small negro Boy, na-
 med Frisby, a slave of the said Dawson, asleep as he believes, that the
 said Dawson was carried as a Prisoner with several of his Neighbours on Board
 of Admiral Warren's Ship, then at Anchor in Chesapeake Bay, not
 far from the Dwelling House of the said Dawson & that he was kept on
 board of the said Ship until the next Evening, when he was dis-
 charged. He further saith, on his Return home, the Negro Boy, Frisby
 afo^d was missing & he and his Neighbours concluded the British had
 carried him off; He further saith, that he afterwards was credibly in-
 formed that his Negro Boy was on Board of one of the British Vessels
 of War, that the British Officers had acknowledged the fact, that they had
 taken him off, in August 1813, when they returned to their Vessel, that were
 then at Anchor near the said Dawson's House — He further saith,
 that the negro Boy afo^d named Frisby" was a remarkably fine Child
 about two Years and ten Months old, when he was taken off, and
 that he only believes the Value of the said Negro Boy at that time
 was at least two hundred and fifty dollars, that he sold a boy only
 fifteen Months old, but a short time before, for two hundred and ten dol-
 lars to a person living in the County — He further saith, that the said
 negro Boy "Frisby" was never restored to him and that he never receiv-
 ed any payment or satisfaction in any way for the said Boy, that He

James 783
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In W. Pinkney's of 4 June 1821.

Dawson, James — Talbot Co. Md
 19 May 1821.

Slave Frisby — 263 — \$250 —

W. Best agent for
 Plaintiff respectfully submits
 this case, of the great
 within — May 17 1828 —

21st July 1828
 and slave taken from Mary
 — land @ \$280 — Antislavery

has reason to believe, and verily does believe, that his Negro Boy
"Frisby" was carried off by the British officers & disposed of by
them, in some way unknown to him the said Dawson - In witness
whereof, I have caused the said James Dawson to subscribe his name hereto,
and I have also attested and subscribed the said Attestation, the day &
Year first herein before mentioned -
Sworn to & subscribed by James Dawson
before me, the subscriber a Justice of the Peace
as aforesaid this Nineteenth day of May Anno
Domini, 1821.

Thomas Kemp

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit. On this Nineteenth day of May - in the Year
of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty one, Charles Smith of Talbot
County aforesaid Farmer, personally appeared before me Thomas Kemp
one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace, in & for Talbot County aforesaid
duly commissioned, qualified & sworn, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of all
mighty God, that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid James Dawson
for thirty years and upwards, that he ~~resided~~^{the defendant} resided on the Island
commonly called "Tilghman's Island", & by some, "Lower Island", in the Chesapeake
Bay, in the years 1813 & 1814, that the British (then our Enemies in war)
landed on the Island aforesaid in the Spring of the year 1814 & were at his
House, and that he recollecting the Loss that Mr. James Dawson had
met with in the month of August 1813 & suspecting that the British offi-
cers then had Mr. James Dawson's Boy called "Frisby", on Board of some
of their Vessels of war, enquired for Mr. James Dawson's little negro Boy
"Frisby", a remarkably fine promising Boy, and that the British officers
then and there told him they had the Boy & would not take a large sum
of money for him, that he was quite a Pet among them - He further says
that he believes the British carried off the said Boy "Frisby", and that he was

never restored to his Master James Dawson, he further says, that he
verily believes, the Negro Boy Frisby, aforesaid (whom he has often seen
at the House of the said James Dawson) was worth at the time
he was taken off as aforesaid by the British, the sum of two
Hundred and fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States - He
further states, that he verily believes the Boy "Frisby" was
a fine, healthy Boy, between two and three years of age -
In witness whereof, I have caused the said Charles Smith to sub-
scribe his name hereto, and I have also attested the same &
subscribed my own name thereto, the day and year first herein before
mentioned -

Sworn to and subscribed by Charles
Smith before me, the subscriber a Justice
of the Peace as aforesaid this Nineteenth day of
May - Anno Domini 1821 -

Thomas Kemp

Charles Smith

State of Maryland, Sherrily testify, that Thomas Kemp, Esquire,
Talbot County to wit, before whom the within and foregoing Deposition
appears to have been made, and by whom the Certificate thereof
appears to have been subscribed, was at the time of his so doing
and still is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace
in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned & sworn -
In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto
subscribed my name and the Public Seal of
my office affixed this 22. day of May 1821.

Jacob Lockerman
of Talbot County Sheriff