

District of Columbia
Washington County } 1st.

Be it remembered that
on this 6th day of May 1828, personally appears
George Calvert of Prince Georges County in the
State of Maryland, before the undersigned, a Justice of
the Peace in and for said County of Washington,
and makes oath in due form of Law, that a slave
called Thomas Parks, the property of Richard Poff, then
of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland,
but now of Washington County in said State, ~~and~~
ran away in company with two of this deponent's slaves
to the British Army the day after the battle of Bladens-
burgh. That this deponent's slaves were ordered to
join on application to the officer commanding the
troops then at Bladensburgh, but that the said
Parks was never returned to his master.

N. W. Lightman,

Justice

(Seal)

District of Columbia Jet;

I, William Brent Clerk of the Circuit Court, of the District of Columbia, for the County of Washington hereby certify that R. C. Wrightman Esquire whose name is signed within was at the time of signing the same, and still is a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, duly Commissioned and Sworn.

In Testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal, of the said Circuit Court at the City of Washington this sixteenth day of May Anno Domini 1828.

Wm Brent, Clerk
Circuit Court of the District of Columbia
for the County of
Washington

deposited by Rich^d Keph. Montgomery Co. 13 Nov 1821

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Value Tho. Parks - 34 - \$500

Rich^d Keph. - Montgomery Co. 13th Nov 1821
City of Prince Georges 3rd
24th Sept 1821
recd 13 Nov. 1821

The State of Maryland, Prince Georges County &c.
Be it remembered, that on this Twentyfourth day of
September Eighteen hundred and twenty one, Richard Keph of
of Montgomery County, but lately of Rossburg in the vic-
inity of Bladensburg in Prince Georges County and State aforesaid, personally appears before the undersigned, a Justice of the
Peace for the State and County aforesaid, who depone and sayeth
that on the Evening of the 24th day of August 1814, subsequent to
the Battle of Bladensburg, his mortalite man calling himself
Thomas Parks, aged about thirty four years, and about five feet
five or six inches high, eloped from his service, and joined the
British Army at that time in the occupation of Bladensburg
under what circumstances this Deponent knows not, but is
inclined to believe voluntarily, certain this Deponent is that
he Parks went down with the British Army to Demerit upon
the Patuxent, and embarked with them on board the Fleet -
Thomas Parks was a hard some waiter, has a small scar under
one of his eyes, was fond of music and played well upon the violin
and the only information which this Deponent has had of him
since his elopement, was from a Gentleman, who knew him
well and was a prisoner on board some ship belonging to the
Fleet upon its expedition against Baltimore, who told this Depo-
nent that he see Tom on board the Fleet, and that he expressed
great anxiety to be at home again, and whether he was in
the possession of the British Army at any place within the
Jurisdiction of the United States at the time of the signing or
the ratification of the Treaty of Ghent, this Deponent is entirely
unable to say being far removed from the scene of war and e-
sequent to the Battle of Bladensburg. This Deponent had
been frequently offered one thousand dollars by travelling Gentlemen
for Thomas Parks, and thinks that he will be but poorly compens-
sated for him in the receipt of any sum short of Five hundred
dollars, as he is certain that he could have obtained that sum,
and probably much ^{more} on any day before his departure.

Sworn before

Thomas Hermal

Maryland Prince Georges County Court
On this seventh day of November one Thousand
Eight hundred and Twenty one person ally appeared
William Pop. and Thomas Poire before the Subscriber
a Justice of the peace for the County ~~Quadrato~~ aforesaid
and made oath on the holy evangly of almighty god, that
they knew the amlatto man calling himself Thomas
Perks. discussed in the foregoing affidavit, of Richard
Pop, and knew him to be the property of the said
Richard Pop. and are well satisfied that the
description, and Valuation, ~~with the~~
therein contained is strictly correct

Abraham Clark

Maryland Prince Georges County Ct.
I hereby Certify that Thomas Poire Gentleman
before whom the foregoing affidavit appears to have been made,
and Abraham Clark Gentleman before whom the above
affidavit appears to have been made and who have thereto
subscribed their names were at the time thereof two of the
Justices of the peace in and for said county duly commissioned
and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed
in my name and affixed the public
seal of Prince Georges county Court
this Eighth day of November Anno
Domini one thousand Eight hundred
and twenty one.

Aquila Reall Esq
Prince Georges county Court