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Edward Griffin  
of Maryland.

D. A. Hall et.

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24<sup>th</sup> July 1828

This claim

Rejected

23<sup>rd</sup>

Staves, Va.  
In G. W. Biscoe's of 13 May 1823.

Bill of Sale

For the Schooner

Happy Return

John Hodges of Va.

to

Edward Griffin

Know all men by these presents, that I John Hodges  
of Prince Geo<sup>d</sup> County and State of Maryland. Merchant.  
for and in consideration of the sum of  
to me in hand paid at the time of the perfection of these presents, the  
receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained and sold  
unto Edward Griffin his heirs and assigns, the one half of  
the Schooner Happy Return as she now lies in the Port of Nottingham  
together with the like proportion of all her masts yards sails  
rigging Anchors, Cables, Boats, Tackle apparel and appertenances  
thereunto belonging and is more particularly  
described in a Certificate of Enrolment granted at the port of  
Nottingham in the words following.

Permanent No 10. Enrolment in conformity to an act of the  
Congress of the United States of America entitled, an act for enrolling and  
licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries  
and for regulating the same Edward Griffin of the County of Pr<sup>in</sup> Geo<sup>d</sup> Co<sup>ty</sup>  
& State of Maryland Mariner having taken or subscribed the oath required  
by the said act, and having sworn that he together with John Hodges  
of Marlboro in the County and State aforesaid Merchants - are citizens of  
The United States sole owners of the ship or vessel called the Happy Return of  
Nottingham whereof Edward Griffin is at present master  
and as he hath sworn is a Citizen of the United States, and that the said  
ship or vessel was built, at Annemesic in Somerset County State of  
Maryland in the year 1800. as appears by Enrolment No 4. granted  
at this port the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1805 now surrendered  
on a transfer of property.  
and John C Jones Collector for the District of Maryland -

having certified that the said ship or vessel has one deck and  
two masts and that her length is fifty five feet. Her breadth  
seventeen feet. Her depth five feet three inches, and that she  
measures forty two &  $\frac{26}{95}$  tons. that she is square sterned has  
no galleries and no figured head, and the said Edward Griffin

having agreed to the description and admeasurements above specified and sufficient security having been given according to the said act the said Schooner has been duly enrolled at the port of Nottingham Given under my hand and seal at the port of Nottingham this twentieth

\_\_\_\_\_ ninth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven

To Have and to hold the said moiety of the Schooner aforesaid \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ unto the said Edward Griffin his Heirs \_\_\_\_\_ Executors administrators and assigns for ever and I the said John Hodges \_\_\_\_\_ for myself <sup>my</sup> Heirs Executors and administrators, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Edward Griffin his Heirs \_\_\_\_\_ Executors administrators and assigns

that at the execution of these presents I am the true and just half owner of the Schooner aforesaid and has full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, freed from and cleared of all claims incumbrances or demands whatsover. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

Signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
Richard H. Scott

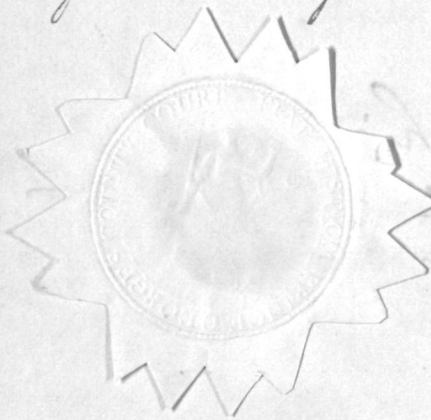
John Hodges, J. Thos.

Maryland Prince Georges County, To Wit

I hereby certify that Thomas Bruce gentleman  
by whom the within Oaths appear to have been administered  
and whose name is thereto subscribed was at the time of  
administering the said Oaths and signing the same and still  
is one of the State of Maryland, Justices of the Peace in  
and for Prince Georges County, duly Commissioned and Sworn  
and to all whose acts as such full faith and Credit is and  
ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as throughout

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
Public Seal of said County Court this  
twelfth day of July A.D. 1828.

Aquila Beall Clerk



Edw Griffin  
Clerk  
12th July 14th 1828

Maryland Prince Georges County, To Wit

Be it remembered that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1828  
appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and  
for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Allsup a respectable white  
inhabitant of the State of Maryland and Maketh Oath, that  
at the period of the Invasion of the British, and some time in  
the Month of August in the year 1814 she was at the Town of  
Nottingham in the State aforesaid and saw the British in  
possession of the Schooner Happy Return of Nottingham owned  
by Edward Griffin, at which period she was loaded with  
Tobacco, and that she saw said Vessel Carried away and she  
knows the owner has never recovered said Vessel nor has he  
received any remuneration for her Capture.

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me the day and year above  
written  
Thos Bruce  
Justice of the Peace

her  
Elizabeth Allsup  
mark

Maryland Prince Georges County set

Maryland Prince Georges County To Wit:

Be it remembered that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1828  
appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and  
for the County aforesaid George Washington, and Maketh Oath  
that at the period of the invasion of the British and some time  
in the month of August 1814 he saw the Schooner *Happy Return*  
the property of Edward Griffin in the possession of the Enemy  
and then going down the river, said deponent knows that the  
owner has never recovered his Vessel, nor has he, to the best of  
the deponents knowledge ever been paid for her.

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me the day and year above written

his  
George Washington  
mark

W. Bruce  
Justice of the Peace

A list of property belonging to Edward Griffin of the Town of Nottingham in the County of Prince Georges and State of Maryland, which was taken away by the British under the Command of Admiral Cockburn from Mount Calvert landing on the Patuxent River during their invasion in the month of August 1814.

N <sup>o</sup> of Vessel	Description of Vessel	Name of Vessel	Burthen		When taken away	Value when taken away
			Tons	q <sup>rs</sup>		
1	Schooner	Happy Return	42	26	August 1814	One thousand Dollars

Errors Excepted

Prince Georges County To Wit.

On this fourteenth day of April 1823 before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County appears Edward Griffin, and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the above account is just and true as it stands stated.

J. V. Young

Prince Georges County To Wit.

On this fourteenth day of April 1823 appears George W. Pierce before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that to the best of his belief, the above mentioned Schooner called the Happy Return, of Nottingham would have sold for the sum of One thousand dollars, when she was taken away by the British, from Mount Calvert landing on the Patuxent River, near Upper Marlboro.

J. V. Young

Prince Georges County To Wit.

On this fifteenth day of April 1823 appears John H. Brown Esq. before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the above mentioned Schooner called the Happy Return of Nottingham, was taken from his landing by the British and carried away by them in the month of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

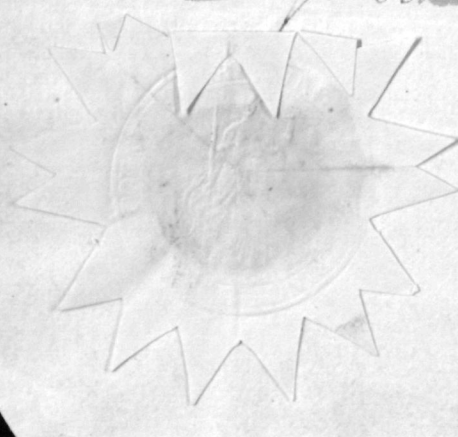
J. V. Young

Notary of Prince Georges County

I hereby certify that James Young and Humphrey Belt Gentlemen before whom the foregoing affidavits were made and who have thereto subscribed their names were at the time of that taking and signing, the same and still are two Justices of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the public seal of my office this fifteenth day of April 1823

Aquila Beall  
J. V. Young

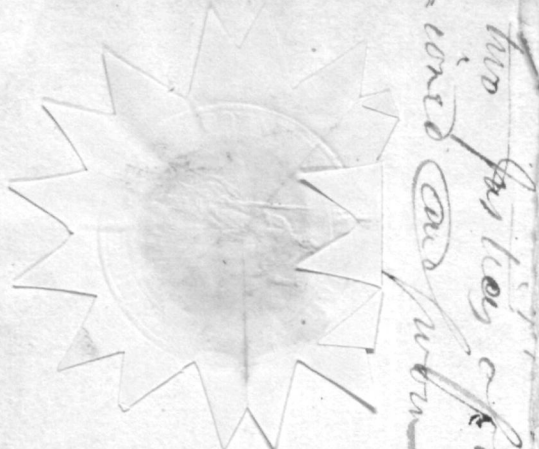


In Geo. W. Prisco's of 13 May 1823.

Griffin, Edw. - Nottingham, Pr. Geo. Co. Ill?

Sch. Happy Return - \$1000

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Dear Sir, I have the honor to receive your kind letter of the 10th inst. and for fear of any delay in sending you the enclosed I have not had time to do so before.

I have no objection to your using the public

papers for the purpose of circulating the

truth of the facts which I have mentioned

Yours truly  
Cynthia D. Pratt



Lawr Atty  
Edw Griffin  
G. M. Biscoe

Know all men by these presents that Edward Griffin of the Town of Nottingham in the State of Maryland, for divers good Causes and Considerations me therunto moving, have made, ordained, authorized, nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, ordain, authorize, nominate, constitute and appoint George M. Biscoe of Nottingham, in Prince Georges County and State aforesaid, my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to ask, demand, sue for, recover, and receive of and from the person or persons, authority or authorities in whose possession the funds may be all such sums or sums of money that have been awarded, or shall hereafter be awarded for or on account of the Schooner <sup>Happy Return</sup> of Nottingham, which vessel was captured by the British during the late war, and was owned by the above named Edward Griffin, and to compound and agree for the same, and acquittances or other sufficient discharges, for the same for me and in my name, to make seal and deliver, and to do all other lawful acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully, in every respect, as myself might or could do were I personally present, at the doing thereof; and attorneys one or more under him for the purposes aforesaid to make, and again at his pleasure to revoke - ratifying and confirming and by these presents allowing, whatsoever my said attorney shall in my name lawfully do, or cause to be done, in and about the

premises, by Virtue of these presents, in testimony whereof I have  
hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this fourteenth  
day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty  
eight.

Signed sealed and delivered

Edward Griffin

in presence of

W. P. Bruce

State of Maryland Prince Georges County Set.

Be it remembered that on this fourteenth day of July  
eighteen hundred and Twenty eight, before me the subscriber  
a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally  
appears Edward Griffin party to the foregoing letter of attorney  
or Instrument of Writing and doth acknowledge the same to  
be his act and deed.

Acknowledged before

W. P. Bruce