

To the Honorable the Commissioners under  
the Treaty of Ghent

The memorial of Thomas Whittington  
of the City of Baltimore humbly sheweth

That during the late war with Great Britain in the  
month of November eighteen hundred & thirty three certain  
negro slaves the property of your memorialist were  
taken from his possession by the crew and  
carried on board the Ship Dragoon then commanded  
by Commodore Barry and which vessel was at  
that time in the Chesapeake

Your memorialist submits herewith his affidavits  
- with verifying said capture & refers to papers  
now on file in the Department of State  
confirming the facts of the capture & detention  
of said property

He therefore prays to be admitted to the  
benefit of the relief provided for  
cases & as an duty bound he

H. H. Murray }  
Gleason } for petitioner

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Maryland

Whittington Thomas

One Slave - viz  
George - 33 years  
Lavinia - 16  
William - 13  
John - 12  
John - 10  
John - 7  
Lavinia - 5  
Sarah - 6 months  
Gust - 6 months

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~~This Memorial, however  
been sent to the Department  
of State~~

Wm. Whit 113. d. Lear  
Capt. Gant.  
with some Claim in Virginia  
with - 107 & 108.

24<sup>th</sup> July 1838  
The City of Baltimore, Reporters  
Treas of Thomas Whittington (for  
Ten slaves taken from him -  
\$280 - making \$2,870  
in 1838

The affidavit of John Grimstead of lawful age came before me  
a Justice of the peace for the county of Northumberland and  
State of Virginia and made oath according to law and saith,  
that some time in November 1813, that he was on board the  
Ship Dragon Commodore Barrie commander then lying in the  
waters of the Potomac and to the best of his recollection he saw  
on board the said ship nine or ten likely Negroes the property  
of Thomas Whittington then of the said county, and the Depoant  
knew well the said Thomas Whittington and knew the said  
Negroes or at least the greatest part of them and that the  
Negroes were on board the said ship and that the depoant  
heard the said Whittington make a demand of the said  
Negroes, and they were not delivered unto the said  
Whittington, and this depoant further saith not.

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1824

John Grimstead

Sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for the county of  
Northumberland & State of Virginia. This 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct.  
1824

Wm. H. H.

Whittington Thos. Claim  
Glenn John.

Balt. 9 Nov. 1824  
Recd. 10. " — "

with an Affidavit respecting  
the Claim of Th. Whittington  
for Slaves Key.

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To John Quincy Adams Esq  
Secretary of State  
Washington

Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing an additional  
affidavit respecting the claims of Thos Whittington  
for Slaves taken by the British during the late  
war.

Mr Whittington's petition & vouchers have  
been sometime since filed in your office.

Yr obt<sup>d</sup> servt  
John Glenn

Balto Nov 9 - 1824 -

John Q. Adams Esq

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

STATE OF MARYLAND—TO WIT.

—SIX PAGES—

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 Thomas Whittington of Baltimore formerly of

Northumberland County in the State of Virginia and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the following slaves the property of deponent were taken from deponent by Commodore Parry of the British Ship of War Dragon some time in the month of November one thousand eight hundred and thirteen

Went: George aged twenty five years or thereabouts

Jane " thirty three " " "

Sever " sixteen " " "

Melloughy " thirteen " " "

Sevinny " five " " "

John " ten " " "

Eliza " seven " " "

Louisa " five " " "

Byekul " months " " "

Leard " months " " "

that deponent went aboard said British Ship Dragon then lying in the Potomac river off to George's Island, in a flag of truce under the care of Capt. Joseph Dashiels and then saw said slaves onboard said British Ship Dragon and demanded from the officer commanding said Ship Dragon, through the medium of said Capt. Dashiels, the delivery of said slaves to deponent, when said officer replied "said slaves would not be delivered up unless they were willing to go," which they declined

Thomas Whittington Of which an Act having been of me requested, I have granted these presents to serve and avail as need and occasion may require.

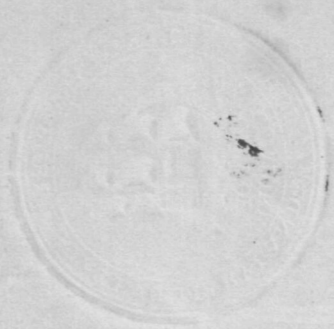
In Testimony Whereof, the said Deponent hath hereunto subscribed his Name and I the said Notary, have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the Eighteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety three

W. Gill Notary



REGISTERED SLAVES OF VIRGINIA

Claim of Thomas  
Whittington of Baltimore  
formerly of Northumberland  
and county Virginia  
for 10 slaves. -



The Courtman's seal  
of the Court of the City of Baltimore  
is hereunto affixed  
in witness whereof  
the Seal of the City  
is hereunto affixed  
this 10th day of  
October 1852

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Evidence ascertained by Mr. Fisher

on the day of the year 1852  
at the City of Baltimore  
in the State of Maryland  
I, John W. Fisher, Clerk of the Court  
do hereby certify that the  
above named Thomas Whittington  
is the owner of ten slaves  
to wit: ...

A list of Negroes taken or went to the Enemy on the first day of November 1815 — from the possession of Thomas Whittington

Names	Ages	Value
George	aged 25 years	\$400 <sup>00</sup>
Jane	aged 33 years	300 <sup>00</sup>
Livittens	do — 18 do	300 <sup>00</sup>
Willowby	do — 15 do	325 <sup>00</sup>
Liviney	do — 10 do	250 <sup>00</sup>
John	do — 6 do	225 <sup>00</sup>
Eliza	do — 4 do	200 <sup>00</sup>
Luzer	do — 3 do	175 <sup>00</sup>
Isaac	do 10 months do	225 <sup>00</sup>
Ezekiel		

Thomas Whittington

John Prinstead personally appeared & made oath to the best of his knowledge that he saw part of the above mention slaves on board the Dragon, and further believes that all of the above mention slaves was on board the said ship, and that they were worth the above value.  
Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> September 1815.

John Prinstead

Northumberland County Court

Sworn to in open Court 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1815. by John Prinstead  
which is ordered to be certified. Teste J. Bates J.C.

a Copy True J. H. Richardson J.C.

Slaves  
Whittington Thomas

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Virginia,

Northumberland County to Wit —

The deposition of Joseph Deshields of the County aforesaid taken subscribed and sworn to before me J. B. Barge one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1824 —

This said deponent saith that sometime in the month of November 1813, whilst he was in actual service as a Captain of Artillery, in the County of Northumberland, he was charged with a flag, by the Command<sup>rs</sup> of the 37<sup>th</sup> Va. Reg<sup>t</sup>. North<sup>d</sup>. County, with orders to go on board of the British ship of War, Dragon commanded by Capt. Barge, (at the instance of several persons in the County of North<sup>d</sup>. who had lost slaves by desertion to the enemy, and among that number was Thomas Whittington, then a resident of the said County) with a view of reclaiming or recovering their slaves, and was accompanied on board the said ship by the said Thomas Whittington as well as several other persons as above stated, many of whom saw their negroes on board, or a greater part of them, some however who were not seen, were stated by the

officers to have been then on St. Georges Island  
in the Potomack River cutting wood, the ship  
being then at Ancker near that island, where  
she had been for a considerable time both before and  
after the time here in before mentioned, And as to the  
particular case of ~~Mr~~ Whittington, this deponent  
states that, as well as he can now recollect, that he  
(Mr Whittington) saw some if not all of ~~his~~ slaves  
who had deserted, and he thinks he made applica-  
-tion to the commander for leave to take them  
back which was refused, and that he <sup>has never</sup> ~~has~~ never  
since seen any of the said slaves, and believes all  
them on board or in the possession of the enemy were  
carried away by them, This deponent hath always  
understood and doth now believe that the loss of  
Mr Whittington was very considerable, but he  
cannot speak as to the number of slaves the said  
Whittington lost, their sex or ages, and therefore  
nothing certain as to the amount of his loss, and  
further this deponent saith not

Signed  
Joseph De Shields

Northumberland County to wit —

I Joseph Barge a Justice of the peace for the County  
aforesaid do hereby certify that Joseph Deshield personally  
appeared before me and subscribed and made oath ac-  
-cording to law to the foregoing deposition, given under  
my hand in the County aforesaid this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January

1824 —

Joseph Barge

State of Virginia  
Northumberland to wit,

I Fleming Bates clerk of  
the court of said County do hereby certify  
that Joseph Barge before whom the  
above mentioned affidavit was made and  
who has subscribed his name to the certi-  
ficate thereof, was at the date thereof  
and still is one of the Justices of the peace  
in & for the said county, commissioned and  
qualified according.

In testimony of which I have hereto  
set my hand and affixed the  
seal of the said County the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1824.

F. BATES.