

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
 On this 15th day of December 1827 personally ap=
 peared John Benyon before me the subscriber a
 Justice of the peace in and for said County and
 made oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty God
 that he was well acquainted ^{with} Negroes. Referred to
 as out. Sewell. Jack or John Sewell. Peter Sewell
 and Susk or Susan the daughter of all agents
 Luell. Hezekiah Smith & Daniel Smith - all
 of the above named Negroes he knew to be the
 property of Dr. William Somerwell (Dee) and that
 went for ever taken away by the British during
 the late war

sworn before Young Parson

I hereby certify that the above
 testimony was sworn to by
 Parson Benyon before
 on the above date
 Young Parson

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit -
 On this 15th day of December 1827 personally appeared
 Emanuel Smith before me the subscriber a Justice
 of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made
 oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty God that he
 well knew the following named Negroes the property
 of William Somerwell of Calvert County who absorbed
 to the British during the late war viz - Rachel Sewell,
 Blancy Sewell, Bill & William Sewell. and Fanny Sewell
 Clarisy aged 5 or 6 years. Bill 3 or 4 years and Fanny one
 or two. Bet or Elizabeth who sometimes went by the sur=
 name of Brooks and her Chitown Charles Frisby
 Anna. Minty (Charles and Frisby sometimes bore the name
 of Watts, Basil. Butler, and Fomer, surname unk=
 -known to the best of his knowledge sworn before Young Parson

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depositions in support
 of the claim of William
 Somerwell referred to
 by agent in his statement
 to the commissioners

State of Maryland Calvert County

I hereby certify that Young Larran Esquire before whom
the within depositions were made and taken and who hath thereto subscribed his name was
at the time of so doing one of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and for the
County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County
Court this seventeenth day of December in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

William J. Morse Clerk of Calvert
County Court



allowed to the duly authorized representatives of William
Somerville dec - one of the claimants in N^o 501 on the
docket for four slaves to wit Rachel, Clarpa, Bill
& Fanny taken from Virginia \$1,120 - and for four
other slaves to wit Matt, John, Peter & Hezekiah
taken from Georgia \$1,560 making in the whole
\$2,680 - and allowed to Wm. A. Somerville
the other claimant for one slave Basil taken
from Georgia \$390 - Taking of all paid,
Peg found on Halifax list - The resi-
due of the claim & interest reserved

FREE

To his excellency

John Quincy Adams

Secretary of State

Washington D.C.

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17 Nov - \$5.020 - (Masters to J. Skinner's
lit of it says Tracy)
N.S. - Basil - 22 - \$500
N.S. - ~~16~~ 16 Nov - \$4520
Somerville Wash D.C. Baltimore Calvert
for info
Londonville, Wm
23 Nov. 1821
" 24 " "
" " "

To his excellency John Q Adams Baltimore Nov 23 1821
Secretary of State I have been prevented by
the absence of Capt Briscoe who saw several negroes
of our family in possession of the English, from send-
ing our certificates of their loss, directly after your excel-
lency's note to the Governor of Maryland. The negro
women and children who ran away to the English
were never at any distance from the shipping, and
consequently could not be seen by the neighboring
inhabitants, but we have every right to believe them
as their husbands and fathers were in possession of
the English, they were also. In a list of slaves on
board of British vessels in the Chesapeake, after
the treaty, taken by John S Skinner Esq, mention
is made of a woman, and as well as was
recollected two children the property of D. M. W. So-
meruell. This list was left in the state depart-
ment, and to which I now refer. All of our negro
men which have been seen were in arms, and as we
have understood were attached to a corps of blacks
which was raised, and as I understand was at
New Orleans. The deponents in this case are of
the most respectable inhabitants of Calvert Co.
 Hoping that the reason I have assigned will
excuse my delay, and trusting your excellency will
see justice done me I conclude by signing my-
self. Your very humble Servant
Wm Someruell

State of Maryland Calvert County Se.

Whereby certify that John Willoughby Gentlemen before whom the within Depositions were taken was at the time of doing a Justice of the peace for the County and State of said Duty Commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this 16th day of October 1821

William Tellorsell clk of Calvert County Se

Baltimore Novr 23^d 1821

Whereby certify, sometime in the summer of the year eighteen hundred and fourteen that I saw negroes Jack and Peter the property of Dr. Wm Somerell since deceased and negro Basil the property of Wm A Somerell in possession of the British and armed.

Philip Briscoe

Baltimore County to wit

On this 23rd November 1821 before me the undersigned, one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, came Philip Briscoe, and made oath on the Holy evangelists of Almighty God, that he is the same Philip Briscoe, who has signed the above certificate, that the facts and statements therein made are true as therein stated, to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Anthony Mittenberger

State of Maryland Baltimore County Se.

Whereby certify that Anthony Mittenberger Gentlemen before whom the annexed deposition of Philip Briscoe was made and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of doing a Justice of the peace in and for the County of said Duty Commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my Office this twenty third day of November Eighteen hundred and twenty one

Wm Willoughby

Calvert County Maryland Oct. 13th 1821

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in, and for the County aforesaid Wm A. Somerell, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that in the month of July or August anno domini eighteen hundred and fourteen when the English fleet was laying in the Patuxent river that negroes Former aged about fifty two years a labourer, Jack twenty seven a labourer, Peter twenty five a craftsman, Theophilus eighteen a craftsman, Charles a labourer eighteen years, Nat waited fourteen years, Frisby twelve years, and Bill four; Peg about forty six years of age, Bet forty four, Rachael twenty four, Look fourteen, Annaten, Minte eight; Clarissa seven, & Fanny fourteen months, the property of his father Dr. William Somerell since deceased, eloped, and to the best of his knowledge went on board the English fleet and that negro Basil the property of the said Wm A Somerell did also elope about the same time and, and go to the British to the best of his knowledge, and that said negro Basil was aged twenty two years, and a shoemaker by occupation John Willoughby

Calvert County Calvert County Oct. 13. 1821
 Then came Pennett Salley before me
 a Justice of the Peace for the county
 aforesaid and made oath on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
 that some time in the month of
 August eight years hundred and
 twenty one a number of Doctor W.
 Somersell's Negroes, Cleopatra and
 at the time the British was lay-
 ing up the Patuxent, and about
 the same time one of the same ne-
 groes came to his house armed
 in company with the British officers
 and by them protected.

Sworn to before
 John Willoughby *Dea*

At the same time same Searge
 Ireland and solemnly declared
 that some time in the summer of 1814
 he saw Hegaback Peter and Nat
 the property of Doctor W. Somersell
 in the possession of the British officers
 and at the same time under arms.

Affirm to before
 John Willoughby *Dea*

Calvert County Md Oct. 13. 1821
 We hereby certify, that being high and being
 acquainted with the negroes of the late Dr. Wm
 Somersell, to the best of our knowledge, believe
 them to be worth at that time, the following
 prices, Males,

Negro Formed aged 52 years \$150.			
Jack	-	27	500
Peter	-	25	500
Hegaback	-	18	500
Charles	-	18	500
Nat	-	14	450
Frisby	-	12	400
Bill	-	4	80
Females			
Peg	-	46	130
Bet	-	44	130
Rachael	-	24	350
Look	-	14	300
Anna	-	10	200
Minta	-	8	150
Clanipa	-	7	150
Fanny	-	14 Months	30
4520			

Also that negro Basie the property
 of Wm A Somersell aged twenty
 two years, was worth five hundred
 dollars

Sworn to before
 John Willoughby *Dea*
 Pennett Salley

Calvert
 Wm A Somersell of 23 Nov. 1821.
 Somersell Wm A (Calvert Co. Md.)
 formerly of father
 Somersell, Wm A (from Baltimore)

Shirley Hedges to Town Sold

12 1/2

Dec 17

Robert P Dunlop Esqr

Groton

D. Columbia

Dr Sir

Calvert County Dec^r 17

In looking over the printed documents which you furnished by the last mail I recognize as my father's slaves, in the list of Colonial marines, Nathl Smith, John Sewell and Peter Sewell. John and Peter were brothers and sons to the Margaret Sewell whose name you saw in the Halifax list & whose age corresponds with that of P^{er} Rachel Sewell, and her three children returned by Mr Bayley, were the wife and children of Peter Sewell. I shall procure proof of the surnames of these negroes and forward them to you as speedily as possible. The eight negroes that I have mentioned, are

all that I can see of my father's

Respectfully
Rich^d Homervall

The claim of William Somerville dec'd of Calvert County Maryland, is for seventeen slaves -
 The evidence files shows the loss - and the absconding of the slaves & their joining the British forces in the Chesapeake Bay, during the war.

Four of these slaves, viz Margaret Sewell and her three children Clovis Sewell; William Sewell and Fanny Sewell are found on the Tangier list - see printed documents, pages 104 and 105 -

Three other slaves, viz John Sewall - Peter Sewall & Nathaniel Smith are found on the list of colonial marines on board the Regulus, the 14 March 1815 - see page - 55 of the document - for the name of John Sewall - the 4 men from the bottom of the page - in the right hand column of names, also see page 56 - the names of Peter Sewall and Nathaniel Smith - the left hand column of names - the names of these negroes are also found on page 20 of the document -

One other slave viz Margaret Sewell - aged boys is found on the Halifax list - page 96 - John and Peter Sewall were brothers & sons to Margaret Sewell - Rachel Sewall & her three children on the Tangier list, are the children & wife of Peter Sewall - see the depositions marked A. & the enclosed letter from R. Somerville -

The remainder of the claim I presume will be agreed on as I have no evidence at this time to show any difference between the Maryland claims generally.

Robert N. Duntop.
 agent.
 29. Dec 1827.

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William Somerville
 of Calvert County
 Maryland - claim for
 slaves -
 statement of his agent
 showing his right to
 compensation

Robert N. Duntop
 agent.

29. Dec 1827.

Copy of sale proceeds -

19 May 1828 - Allow. to the
 duly authorized Receiver of the
 Calvert County (see 8 slaves)
 taken from Maryland at \$2980
 each - \$29010 - being the residue
 of his claim - enclosed record