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Dejia

Upper Marlboro July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1823

I have taken the liberty of enclosing  
to you a man a document relating to my three  
servants who were carried away by the British  
Army, from this place, during the late war

may I ask the favour of you to make such  
dispositions of this paper as you may think most  
likely to answer a successful result. You will  
please to excuse the trouble I give you and  
to be assured it will always afford me  
pleasure to see you in your kind office  
if ever in my power - I am, Dejia, with  
great respects

Your Obedt Servant

Jesse Taylor

Richardson Esquire

Thomas Esquire

Washington

Richardson

Received by  
Jesse Taylor Esquire

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Taylor, Freeman (to R. B.) Upper Marlboro  
Prince Georges Co. Md.  
1 July 1823  
Recd 17 " "

2 slaves - \$1600-



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Richard D. Smith  
State Department  
Washington

Dear Sir  
I have called your name on the 27th

I understand the commissionary  
under the Great Treaty are now ordering  
payments on the claims submitted to them  
by an attorney - if you think there is any doubt  
about my claim, but for my property, I am  
prepared to prove, most positively, not  
only by my own affid. with, but by many  
others who are actually disinterested, that George  
Cannell No. 170. of those named into the  
Provision of Nova Scotia between the  
27th April 1845. & 24th Oct. 1848. aged 28. years is  
my son, & that in his wife's and herself  
I died aged one year left my house on  
the day that the British Army was  
commanded of General Ross left my house on the  
particular shipping in the Delaware, by wife and  
died at that time, under the property of  
Miss Nancy Spring, & are now claimed by  
Israel B. Canby as her representative  
I - page 25. of the list of refugees furnished  
by the British Government there is the name  
of Chas. a diminution of the name of  
Chattam, who I was confident in my name  
Chattam, who was carried off by Ross's army  
The object of this letter, my dear Sir, is to

Yours  
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All of you my additional testimony  
which may be required to support the  
proposals of my claim. My situation is such  
that I cannot visit Washington, at this  
time, or I certainly would do so. Please  
to let me hear from you by return mail  
I hope I am, my dear Sir, with great  
respect & esteem

Your obt. Servant  
James Taylor

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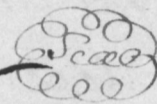
Richard Henry Green



Maryland Act.

I, John Stephen Chief Judge of the first Judicial District of the State of Maryland, composed of the Counties of Saint Charles, Charles and Prince Georges, do certify, that the within attestation by Aquila Beale Clerk of Prince Georges County Court, is in due form.

Given under my hand and seal this nineteenth day of June - in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

John Stephen 

A list of Negroes belonging to Truman Tyler of the Town of Upper Marlborough in Prince Georges County, Maryland, who were carried off by Officers belonging to the British Army commanded by General Ross in his march to and from Washington in 1814, to wit -

A negro man named George about 26 years of age, a good Gardiner, a good Cook & most excellent Waiter, valued at \$800.00

A negro man named Chatham about 21 years of age, a most excellent House Servant and waiter, valued at \$800.00

On the twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty three, personally appears the above named Truman Tyler before the Subscriber and makes oath on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, that the above described Servants were carried from his residence in the Town of Upper Marlborough aforesaid by some person or persons belonging to the British Army commanded by General Ross on its March to the City of Washington on the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fourteen - That on the return of the said Army upon their retreat through the Town of Upper Marlborough aforesaid the aforesaid Servants George and Chatham came to the House of the Deponent and in the presence of several British Officers who were then in the Deponent's Piazza stated to the Deponent that they did not wish to go with the Army on Board their Fleet, that on the morning of the twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fourteen when the British Army had taken up the line of march from Marlborough to Benedict, one of the above described Servants, to wit George was forcibly carried off from the Deponent's House by order

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of June 1823.  
Taylor, Truman - Upper Marlboro' Prince Georges Co. Md.

Two Slaves - \$1600  
George - 26 - \$800  
Chatham - 21 - 800

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order of Major Jones who with many other British Officers had lodged in Deponent's House the preceding night, and that the other servant, Louis Chatham was carried away on the same morning by a person said to be a Chaplain in the said British Army, and they were afterwards seen on board the British Fleet in the Chesapeake Bay, and this Deponent does verily believe that the said Servants were within the American Waters or elsewhere on the American Territory at the signing of the Treaty of Peace at Ghent to wit, on the twenty fourth day of December eighteen hundred and fourteen and that the said Chatham and George were well worth the sum of eight hundred dollars each at the time they were carried away, the deponent having refused that sum a short time before for the former who was the least valuable of the two, and he further says upon his oath that he would not have taken two thousand dollars for them.

I swear before me James Kemp  
a Justice at the County of Prince Georges  
County

And on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty three, also personally appears Philip V. Weems of the County and State aforesaid who being of lawful age deposes and saith, that being carried off by a detachment from the British Army then commanded by General Ross, from the Town of Upper Marlborough in Company with Doct. William Beanes and Doct. William Will on the night of the twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, as a prisoner of war, and being ordered on his arrival at Nottingham the then Head Quarters

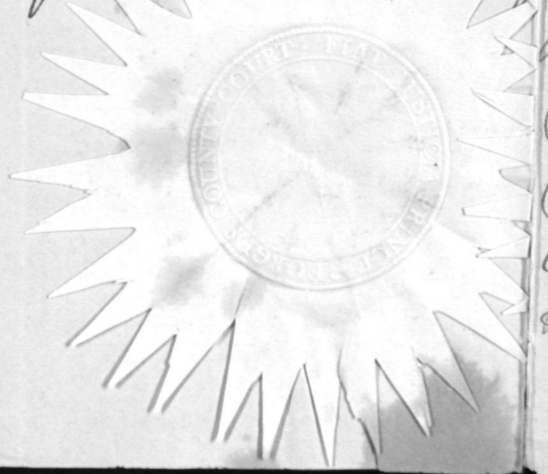
Quarters of said Army, by General Ross on Board one of their Vessels of War and finally carried down to the Fleet at Benedict where the Army aforesaid re-embarked, that while detained as a Prisoner he saw the two herein before described servants the property of the aforesaid Tuckman Tyler on board the British Fleet, the man Chatham was on board of the Sloop of War called the Chantey, and he saw George the other servant of the said Tuckman Tyler herein before described, on board of a British vessel but does not know the name. That this Deponent was soon afterwards released and returned to his residence in the Neighborhood of Upper Marlborough in Prince Georges County Maryland and that he has always understood and does verily believe that the said negroes George and Chatham were carried away from the Chesapeake Bay by the British Fleet, and he also further deposes and saith that the aforesaid George and Chatham were well worth at the time they were so carried away the sum of eight hundred dollars each.

Philip V. Weems

I swear before me James Kemp  
a Justice at the County of Prince Georges  
County

Maryland Prince Georges County  
I hereby certify that James Kemp in them as before shown the aforesaid affidavits appear to have been made and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of taking and signing the same and J. Hill is one of the State of Maryland Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Prince Georges and sworn  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal of my Office this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three.

Aquila Hall Esq.  
J. Hill





Freeman Tyler of the Town of Upper Marlborough  
in Prince Georges County and Register of Wills for said  
County aged forty two years being first duly sworn on the  
Holy Evangelij of Almighty God deposeth and saith  
that two negro Men were taken from him by the British  
Army in August eighteen hundred and fourteen when  
on their march to Washington that when the said Army  
arrived at Upper Marlborough on their retreat to their  
Shipping a number of the British Officers were quartered  
in his the Deponents House and among them were Major  
Jones, Captain Gray and a M. Baxter who was said to be  
Surgeon General to the Army and many others whose  
names this Deponent did not learn - That as soon  
as the advanced of the Army arrived at the Deponents  
House the two negroes before carried away came to the  
Deponent and in the presence of several of the British Officers  
informed the Deponent that they did not wish to go with  
the British Army - The Deponent then ordered the  
two negroes into his house in the presence of said officers  
which order was readily obeyed - Sometime in the course  
of the evening one of the negroes above mentioned disap-  
peared whether voluntarily or by order of any British  
officer this Deponent does not know the other one a most  
valuable servant who had been raised by the Deponent  
and for whom he felt great attachment remained with  
the Deponent all night and with repeated assurances that  
he would not go with the army -

The next morning about the time that the advanced of  
the Army was passing out of Marlborough the deponent  
ordered this servant to go into his corn House and shell  
some corn to carry to Mill which <sup>order was</sup> readily obeyed and  
while in the corn House in the act of shelling corn Major  
Jones

Deposition of Freeman  
Tyler - two of his slaves taken

Copies

Freeman Tyler's  
Deposition  
A. S. 1815



Jones who had lodged the preceding night in the Deponents House and had conversed for sometime in the morning with the Deponent, mounted his horse and rode down to the Army which was encamped on the Deponents Lot and brought up two Black men in Marine uniform with each a musket and fixed Bayonet and carried them to the door of the deponents corn House when the two Black Soldiers entered the corn House in the presence of Major Jones and the Deponent believes by his the said Major Jones's order brought his negro man out and carried him off by force - The Deponent followed his servant some distance and called to him to know if he intended going off after the assurances he had given him to the contrary, the Deponents servant then turned round and with great apparent Distress attempted to speak to the Deponent but could not be understood the Black Soldiers at the same time walking one on each side of him with their Muskets and fixed Bayonets and apparently forcing him on - Major Jones being at the same time on horseback riding within eight or ten paces of them - The Deponent then called upon Major Jones with whom he had conversed upon various topics but a short time before to know if he intended to carry his the Deponents negro away against his inclination to this question Major Jones made no reply although frequently urged by the Deponent - The Deponent then finding all his efforts vain in attempting to preserve his property thus forcibly wrested from him ceased his solicitations and returned to his house many British officers being still in his the Deponents Parson and privy to this transaction -

State of Maryland

James George's County etc. on the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges for the first Judicial District of the State of Maryland Truman Taylor and made oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that the several facts stated in the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of his knowledge and belief -

Daniel Clarke



Richard Howard Green  
State of Maryland  
S. A. Magruder - Green

Filed March 14<sup>th</sup> 1828

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Gyles of  
Prince George County in the State of Maryland do hereby  
Constitute & appoint Richard Howard of Washington  
County, District of Columbia my Attorney to prosecute  
for me before the Board of Commissioners appointed  
under the first article of the Treaty of Ghent my  
claim for arrears under the said Treaty and I do further  
authorize & empower the said Richard Howard as my  
Attorney to sign execute & deliver for me as my Attorney  
my full receipts & acquittances for such sums of money  
as may be allowed me by the said Commissioners in account  
of my said claim. He by engaging to satisfy & confirm all  
that my said Attorney may do in the premises

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand & affixed my seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1828

Witness my hand & seal  
in the presence of  
John Read Magruder  
Edward Taylor

Testimony of Richard Howard  
Subscribed & sworn to before me



State of Maryland, Prince Georges County & City  
Be it remembered that on this third day of March 1898  
personally appeared Truman Gyle party grantor to the within  
in power of Attorney before me the subscriber one of the  
justices of the peace for the State & County aforesaid and acknow-  
ledged the same to be his act & deed for the purposes therein  
mentioned

Witness my hand this day & year above  
mentioned

Edward Taylor

State of Maryland Prince Georges County &c.

Sheweth Certify that Edward Taylor gentleman  
before whom the above acknowledgment was made and  
whose name is thereto signed was at the time thereof  
a justice of the peace of said state in and for said  
County duly Commissioned and sworn and to all  
whose acts as such full faith and credit is and



and he to be given - In Testimony whereof I have  
herunto subscribed my name and affixed  
the seal of Prince Georges County Court  
this third day of March Eighteen  
hundred and twenty eight

Aquila Beale clerk of  
Prince Georges County Court

being the same, my name is subscribed to the same.  
I am in receipt of the same and have  
minutely read the same and find  
the first article of the Deed of Gift  
agreed that all property having or claiming  
before them should create a power of  
attorney to this effect and to the  
take the liberty of a deed of gift  
and I am, being, with the most  
perfect respect &c.

You are at  
Truman Gyle

Richard H. ...



Richard Henry Stoddard

Washington

My dear Sir, Upper Mall, May 21st 1828.

For your liberal & distinguished attention to my claim before the Commission and the Board of Exchequer, accept my most grateful acknowledgments - I pray it will be more successful - I pray you be satisfied on this subject - Since your departure, my dear Sir, as you were to the obligation already expressed, by placing the matter to my credit in the B. and C. and the B. and C. and sending me a certificate of the same - With great respect & regards I am, Sir, your

Obliged & obt. Servant  
Richard Stoddard

Richard Henry Stoddard



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says that the said George Conner was at the  
 the time accompanied by his wife - colored  
 woman and about twenty young & infant  
 children then in the army. The defendant  
 have resided in the town of upper  
 Marlborough for ~~several~~ <sup>many</sup> years, then  
 year 1814. to the present time and the said  
 defendant by also seen since, & still  
 residing there and during all the aforesaid  
 period the said George Conner by notes  
 returned was ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the possession  
 of the said Taylor & to him of the defendant  
 knows the said George Conner by name  
 since he has been from - he the defendant  
 further states that the said defendant  
 owned and may possess of - shall never  
 shown by the name of Chatham - good  
 about eight years ago who may also carried  
 away by the said defendant the command  
 of General Ross in August 1814. & that he  
 the said Chatham by name returned  
 to the said defendant since, who  
 still residing in the town of upper Marlborough  
 in Prince Georges County Maryland & when  
 the defendant have also resided since  
 sworn before Edward Taylor

State of Maryland Prince Georges County. to wit  
 Be it remembered that on the day and year aforesaid  
 said also personally appeared Mary Johnson aged  
 about twenty <sup>before the</sup> ~~three~~ <sup>subscribes</sup> ~~County~~ <sup>of justice</sup> of the peace in the  
 holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the  
 matter and facts stated in the foregoing affidavit  
 are true & just to the best of his knowledge  
 the belief sworn before  
 Edward Taylor

State of Maryland Prince Georges County. to wit  
 I do hereby certify that Edward Taylor gentleman before whom the  
 above affidavit was made and whose name is thereto signed was at the  
 time thereof and still is one of the State of Maryland, Justice of the peace in  
 and for said County duly Commissioned and sworn aid to all whose acts as  
 such full faith and credit is and ought to be given -  
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
 my name and affixed the seal of Prince Georges  
 County Comh this twenty ninth day of December  
 A.D. Eighteen hundred and twenty seven -  
 Aquila Beale Clerk Prince Georges County Court



State of Maryland, Prince George's County, Court -

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twenty-seven, personally appeared Charles Brown aged about forty five years, and William Kille aged about seventy years, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, that Trueman Tyler, a citizen of Prince George's County in said State and residing in the Town of Upper Marlborough situated therein, in the year eighteen hundred & fourteen and for a long period previously thereto, owned and was possessed of a certain male negro Slave who called himself George Carroll, then about twenty eight years of age, that upon the return of the British Army from the City of Washington in the month of August in the aforesaid year of 1814, the said George Carroll being then as aforesaid in the possession of the said Trueman Tyler, joined the said Army, either compulsively or voluntarily upon their passage through the aforesaid Town of Upper Marlborough and went with them in the direction of their shipping then lying in the Patuxent River. These Deponents further say that the said George Carroll was at the time accompanied by his wife & coloured woman



aged about twenty years and an Infant child in the arms.  
The Deponents have resided in the Town of Upper  
Maulborough continually since the year 1814 to the present  
time and the said Theman Tyler has also ever since  
and still resides therein, and during all the aforesaid  
period the said George Carroll has not returned nor is he  
now in the possession of the said Tyler, and so far as the  
Deponents know, the said George Carroll has never since  
been heard from. And the Deponents further state that  
the said Theman Tyler owned and was possessed of a male  
negro slave by the name of Chatham aged about eighteen  
years who was also carried away by the said Army under  
the command of General Ross in August 1811, and that  
the said Chatham has never returned to the said  
Theman Tyler since, who still resides in the Town of  
Upper Maulborough in Prince George's County, Maryland,  
and where the Deponents have also resided ever since.

Sworn to before

(Signed) Edward Taylor

True Copy from the Original.

State of Maryland, Prince George's County, to wit.

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of  
December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
twenty seven, also personally appeared Mary Johnson,  
aged about twenty three years, before me the undersigned  
a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and made  
oath on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, that the  
matters and facts stated in the foregoing affidavit are  
true and correct as therein set forth, to the best of her  
knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before

True Copy from the Original. (Signed) Edward Taylor

State of Maryland, Prince George's County, to wit.

I hereby certify that Edward Taylor, gentleman, before  
whom the foregoing affidavits were made & whose name is  
thereto subscribed, was at the time of the making thereof & still is  
one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace for the said  
County, duly commissioned and qualified, and to all whose acts  
as such full faith and credit is and ought to be given.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name & affixed the Seal of Prince George's County  
Court this seventh day of January A. D. eighteen  
hundred and twenty eight.