

Benjn. Williams's
Claim for slaves -
Of Maryland.

Submitted by D. A. Ford
Agent.

11 April 1828

Vide toward to them!

~~Allowed for Twp Slaves
(Prince & John) taken
for George \$ 390~~

~~480~~

~~Int^y Remains of the
Claim reserved~~

19. May 1828 - allow for
19 slaves / rem^t of claims taken
from Maryland @ \$280 each
\$5,320 Int^y Remains reserved

21. Dec^r 1827

Taking of all proved -
Rachel, Ann & Betty found
on Halifax list p 87

Calvert County &c

On this 28th day of February 1828 personally appears before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Calvert County aforesaid John M. Henry ^{aged about 40 years} who being sworn on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God deposes & saith to the best of his knowledge (recollection & belief that Prince Jones aged about 38 years, Michael Jones ^{commonly called Michael Johnston} about 25 years of age, John Jones about 25 years of age, Rachel Jones about 25 years of age, Nancy Jones about 25 years of age, Jacob Jones about 12 years of age, David about 10 years of age, Genoa Jones about 11 years of age, Cresaw about 5 years of age, Rosetta about 14 years of age, Gedion about 3 years of age Annaky about 2 years of age Betsy Jones about 26 years of age Lotty Jones about 19 years of age Kate Jones about 17 years of age Holdsworth Jones about 15 years of age Sophia Jones about 14 years of age, Treicy about 7 years of age, Perry about 3 years of age, ^{& Doro-} ^{-da} about year of age were the property of Benjamin Williams of Calvert County and slaves which he ^{thinks} believes were taken off by the British troops during last year: and further saith not

Sworn before

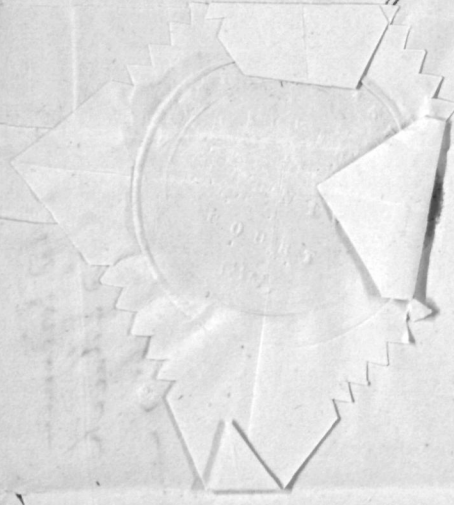
J. H. Mitchell

Calvert County &c

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and who has thereto subscribed his name is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned & sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this 28 day of February A.D. 1828

Wm. Morrow Clk of
Calvert County



Maryland Calvert County the 7th. Oct. 1815
Doctor Benj. Williams aged forty two years
being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelic of
almighty God deposed & sayeth.

That on or about the 20th July last (the
day Calvert Court House was burnt) a
party of the British came to his (the Depo-
-nent's) House, and carried off Twenty
negroes, the property of the Deponent, two
of which were tied by them (the British)
and a negro woman, while endeavouring
to make her escape, was fired on and
made to return & join them, also two
other negro girls were in the second sto-
-ry and were ordered down by one of the
British Officers, under a promise made
to Mrs Williams, that they should not be
carried away, which said girls were
immediately ordered off by said officer.

Sworn to this date above

Before
Thomas Billingsley a Justice of
the Peace of the State of Maryland
in & for Calvert County

amount brought over \$5050

1 Negro Boy Named Gideon 5 years of age - 150

1 Negro Girl Darinda 14 y^{rs} old 100

1 do do Annaca 14 y^{rs} do - 100

\$5400

th
May 7 1821 Ben. Williams

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On the ~~day~~ ^{14th} of May 1821 personally
appeared before me the subscriber
one of the Justices of the Peace in
and for the state and County afores^d.
Benjamin Williams who has sub-
scribed his name to the foregoing
and above statement and made oath
on the holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that the same is just and true
as stated

Joshua Sedwick

State of Maryland Calvert County Viz
17 May 1821

Came Edward Wood before me one of
the Justices of the Peace for the state
of Maryland and for said County and made
oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that he saw the above Negroes the
property of Benjamin Williams taken
by the British and going down aboard
there shipping and that one of the fore-
going Negroes Named Prince was tied
under a British Guard

Joshua Sedwick

State of Maryland Calvert County Viz
at the same time came Thomas Bil-
lingsly before me one of Justices of
the Peace of the state of Maryland for
the said County and made Oath on the
holy Evangelists of Almighty God that
he saw the foregoing Negroes the pro-
perty of Benjamin Williams under
Guard of the British and taken
aboard of there shipping

Joshua Sedwick

My land, Calvert County to wit 6th. Dec^r 1811

Thomas Billingsley aged about forty four years, being duly sworn on the Holy evangels of Almighty God deposes & saith.

That about the ~~twelfth~~^{twentieth} of July last, to wit the day that Calvert Court house was burnt by the British, that he (The Deponent) was at a House of Mr. Wood, on the road leading from the Court House to River where the British lay, and while this Deponent was at the House a.s. in company with Mr. Wood, the British passed from burning the Court House and had with them many Negroes, twenty ~~of~~ of which was the property of Doctor Benⁿ Williams of the County a.s. One of which, a lad about eighteen years of age, had his hands tied, This Deponent mentioned this circumstance to Doctor Williams afterwards, and the Doctor told him that the said lad was unwilling to go with the British but was forced off. and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to this date
above - Before

Thos Barber (J.S.)
" "

Calvert County Set

Be it remembered that on this 9th day of February 1828 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Abraham Monnett, ^{aged about fifty five years.} who being sworn on the Holy Evangelies of Almighty God, deposes and saith that part of the negroes that Dr Benjamin Williams lost in the year 1814 were commonly known and called by the following names and ^{was} of the following ages or thereabouts viz: Pince Jones aged thirty five years, John Jones aged twenty years, Meas Jones aged twenty eight years, Betty Jones aged twenty six years, Rachel Jones aged twenty ^{five} years, Ann Jones aged twenty five years, Letty Jones aged seventeen years, Hetty Jones ^{aged} sixteen years and Rosy Jones aged fourteen years and also he recollects that the said Williams lost several children who were the children of some of the above negro women the names of which children nor recollects by him the said Monnett and a further saith not sworn before

Thos Mitchell

State of Maryland Calvert County

I Herewith certify that Thomas Mitchell Esquire before whom the above deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly sworn and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

William S. Morse Clerk of Calvert County Court

Benj. Williams' Claim.

1. Mial Jones: by the affidavit of John McHenry it appears that this man was known also, by the name of Michael Johnson, of which the name first given is probably a contraction, at least so far as the cognomen is concerned. Michael Johnson is found on the Flat-jax List, at page 87, and it will be perceived that the age reported on that list corresponds almost entirely with that shown by the testimony in the case, the latter fixing it, at 27, and the former at 28, and indeed this is an exact coincidence, for a year must have passed from the time of the taking to the period of the entry on the Flat. List.

Flatjox list p: 87 Michael Johnson

2. of Rachel and Ann Jones, the agent will only remark that they are to be found at page 87, of the Flatjox List, the latter under the name of Nancy. Vide Memorandum 21st Decem 1827

3. Rose Jones. See Rosy Jones - p. 25. 58. - not followed

4. Anaca Jones. The slave Anaky is found on the printed List at page 13, and the agent ventures very confidently to assert that it is the one here claimed. The name is a singular one, not often found, or heard: the agent has made diligent search upon the definitive List, and has been able to find no

Statement.

11th April 1828

Witness for the Slave
Anaky taken from
Benja — 390

Subscribed the Commissioner of
the Slave Service.

Note

Page B. Sec; p 13 taken
in Benja —

Michael Johnson's name
shown for Mial Jones,
Flatjox List p: 87

slave claimed under that name, except by this claimant Williams. Since therefore the slave is returned by the British, as having been within the waters of the U. S. at the close of the war, admitting thereby that it was a proper case for indemnity, and since in the whole list of applications, no one makes pretension to this slave but Mr. Williams, is not the conclusion irresistible that he is the true and proper claimant and owner? If the name were a common one, or other claimants were seeking to recover under it, the agent would then forbear to lay the stress he now does, upon this argument, but as the case stands, he believes, and trusts that the Board will also, believe it entitled to great force.

allowed under George's average

- 5 Betty Jones is found on the Halifax List at p. 87. The agent is satisfied that the reference by the Claimant to p. 59 & p. 8, is erroneous, the names there found being those of children.

vide Memorandum 21 Decr 1827

Among the children with the colonial Maines, at p. 58, are to be found two by the names of Jacob & Clarissa; their surnames are not given, but from the fact that they are found in company, and from the known fact that some of Mr. Williams' slaves were on Cumberland Isl. (to wit. Prince & John,) with a strong probability that others were carried

thence; these circumstances give us ground to infer that these two are the property of this claimant. *not found*

D. A. Hall agent.