

Augustus Neale Esq.
Washington
City



Benj. F. Fendall
owner of Schooner

Dist of Columbia }
County of Ala. } 3

I do hereby certify that I have acted as a ship carpenter in the Town of Alexandria for many years, and that I knew the Schooner Little Clara belonging to Benj. F. Fendall taken from John Weeks ship yard in the Town of Alexandria on or about the 30th day of Aug. 1814. and that the said schooner was worth at that time at least Two Thousand Dollars.

James Sherman

Dis. of Columbia }
County of Ala. } 3

James Sherman appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County of Alexandria and made oath to the foregoing affidavits in due form of Law

Given under my hand
This 28th day of July 1828

Newton Keene

Alex. July 27th 1828

D^r Sir
I have fortunately met with Mr. Sherman who has given me a very satisfactory certificate

death respect to the water of the Kiper taken from
me by the British. Should it be necessary for
me to furnish any further testimony be good
enough to inform me

Yours very truly
Wm. M. W. W.

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A. List of Property taken by the British from the
Subscribers in the month of Sept. 1814 on the return of the
British Squadron down the Potomack from Alexandria

- 1 Negro Man
- 1 Do. Woman and
- 4 Boys
- 1 Schooner of 500 W^{ts} Burthen

Benj^r J. Fendall

The description & value of Mr. Fendall's schooner do
show that her class was such that she would be
very serviceable to the Enemy; that she might
be used as a Tender or to transport troops or
Stores from the Chesapeake to Georgia or Louisi-
ana - and in all probability was within the
U.S. at the return of Peace.

She was not destructible by fire, & was
as likely to be within the U.S. as the Navies.

Daily & hourly wherever the British Shipping
was seen hundreds of small vessels were seen
plying from one place to another - and in
a case like this, I wd with due deference
insist, that the principles which governed
the decision in relation to the claims for
Slaves expressly apply, with this difference only,
that in the case of the schooner, her value
might have been kept upon the return of peace
than at the time of the capture - though that
it might not be very great decrease of value.

The schooner was ^{unlikely} to remain free from
the accidents common to the dangers of the
seas, ~~as far as the former~~ September till Febry
as that a Slave should live - I do not
pretend to offer a formal argument; because
the Board is only to apply the rules of ^{its} ~~them~~

decisions, and the principles which govern their
deliberations to come to the conclusion that
Mr. Fendall's claim is a proper one - I
submit to the Board to make any estimate
of the probable diminution of value which in
their judgment they may deem proper, al-
though I am not aware of any

Aug. Keale
agent.

24 July 1828

Aug. F. Fendall

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Fendall Benj. T.

Property

M^d

23rd July 1828 - ~~no proof~~

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