Slaves
Barnhouse Elizabeth (in a Letter from Millard EW).

Leonard Town Md.
21. Nov. 1823
Recd. 26. " — "

1 Slave - Joe Spriggs

Dep^n. of James Hughes.

Free

Leonard Town Md
Nov 24 —

To
The Hon^l. John Q. Adams
Secretary of State
Washington City.

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To

The Hon^l. John Q. Adams

Sir

The indorsed document was not 'til to day put into my hands to be forwarded to your depart=ment - which I now hasten to do - not knowing however if in time - I would deserve that Elizabeth Barnhouse is now the wife of Bennet Hebb of Saint Marys County Maryland who was at the time of the elopement of the negro to the British in 1814 unmarried and then also a resident of the same County

Yrs respectfully
E. J. Millard

Leonard Town Md.
21 Nov. 1823.

We the undersigned having been called on by Bennett Hebb to Lett a valuation on his slave agreable to instructions from Mr. Adams Secretary State requesting all persons that lost slaves to transmit without delay, to the department of State Authenticated proof of the number of slaves carried away and of their value by the current prices at which they might have sold for, at the time the loss was sustained. do value and appraise his fellow as follows

Joe aged about twenty four years in Sixteen hundred & fourteen & valued at four hundred & twenty five Dollars $425.00

Ignatius Langley
William P Price

Maryland St. Marys county Court

Be it remembered that on this 8th day of December 1823 personally appears Ignatius Langley & William P. Price before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said county, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelys of

Almighty God that the within valuation is as near the current price of said slave as they can ascertain & what such such would have sold for at the time the loss was sustained to the best of their knowledge & belief —

Peter W. Thomson

Saint Mary's County Court

I hereby certify that Peter W. Thomson Gentleman before whom the within affidavit was made and whose name is thereto subscribed was at the time thereof and still is one of the justices of the peace of the state of Maryland for Saint Mary's County aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified, and to all whose acts as such due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Court of Justice as elsewhere —

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this Eighth day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty four —

T. Harris Clk

St Mary's County Court

State of Maryland Saint Marys County Sc.
On this 6th day of March 1824
personally appeared Benjamin Hewitt
of lawful age before me the Subscriber
one of the Justices of the Peace of
the State of Maryland for Saint
Marys County aforesaid who being
duly sworn upon the Holy Evangels
of almighty God deposeth and
saith that he hired of a certain
Elizabeth Barnhouse in the year
Eighteen hundred and ~~fourteen~~ thirteen
a negro man by the name of Joe
who ran off to the British so soon
as he heard his mistress had
intermarried with Bennet Hebb
of the County aforesaid - ~~that~~ this
deponent further sweareth that he
understood he the said negro slave
Joe was seen on board of one of
his Britanic Majesty's Ships of War
then laying off Saint Marys River
in the Potomac - this was in the
fall of the year 1813 but in what month
he the said Joe eloped this deponent
does not recollect at this time
Sworn before
B. J. Millard

State of Maryland Saint Mary's County towit.

I hereby Certify that Enoch I Millard Gentleman before whom the aforegoing deposition was taken and whose name appears thereto subscribed was at the time of the taking and Signing thereof and still is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Mary's County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Qualified and to all acts of his as such due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as thereout

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office this sixth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Jo: Harris Clk
St. Mary's County Court

Maryland
Barnhouse Elizabeth
– Joe
a/p of Ben. Hewett.

State of Maryland Saint Mary's County &c.
on this 6th March 1824 personally
appear John Hewitt of lawful age
before me the Subscriber one of the
Justices of the Peace of the State of
Maryland for Saint Mary's County
aforesaid who being duly sworn on
the Holy Evangels of Almighty God
deposeth and saith that he this
deponent was on board his Britanic
Majesties Ship of War the Dragon
Commodore Barry (under a flag) some
time in the Month of November in the
year 1813 while she lay off Saint
George's Island in the River Potomac
when he saw Negro Joe who his
father Benjamin Hewitt had hired
and from whom he Joe had eloped — on
board said Vessel — Negro Joe was
the property of Elizabeth Bain late
of the County aforesaid when hired but
he had understood she the said
Elizabeth had then intermarried
with Bennet Hebb of said County
& further this deponent saith
not

Sworn before
E. J. Millard

State of Maryland, Saint Mary's County towit.

I hereby Certify that Enoch I Millard Gentleman before whom the aforegoing deposition appears to have been taken and whose appears thereto subscribed, was at the time of the taking and signing thereof and still is one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Mary's County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Qualified and to all acts of his as such due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as thereout.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my Office this sixth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Jo: Harris Clk
St Mary's County Court

Md.
Barnhouse Elizabeth
Joe
Depn of John Hewitt

I James Hughes of Somerset County and State of Maryland do certify that sometime in Eighteen hundred and fourteen that I was onboard of A British Ship of war lying in the Chesapike Bay and from thence I Returned to the Tangier Beach and there saw a Negro man by the name of Joe Spriggs the property of Elizabeth Bamhouse in the Costody of the British and knew him to be the same Joe Spriggs the property of the said Elizabeth Bamhouse and further the said Hughes sayeth not

James Hughes

Somerset County to wit,
on this 4th day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty three before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County appeared James Hughes of said County and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the above certificate is true to the best of his knowledge

Geo: Malcomb

I do hereby certify that George Malcomb Esquire, the Gentleman before whom the within deposition appears to have been taken and whose signature appears thereto was at the time of taking and certifying the same one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Somerset County duly commissioned and sworn according to law and that full faith and credit ought to be given to all acts by him done as as well in Courts of Justice as without.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed the seal of my office this 11th day of March 1823.

Test Geo Handy Clerk of
Somerset County Court

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Barnhouse Elizabeth
Md

1 Slave

28th July 1828 allowed
to Elizabeth Barnhouse
wife of Bennett Hebb for one
slave taken from Maryl
@ $200 – Interest reserved