

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board of Commissioners for adjusting claims  
under the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the treaty of Ghent.

The petition of William K. Fitzhugh respect-  
fully represents that he lost a slave during the late war  
by the name of John, which said John resided with  
your petitioner, John Fitzhugh in Calvert  
County in the State of Maryland, and was carried  
away by the British forces contrary to the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of  
the treaty of Ghent. Your petitioner further states  
that his said father, your petitioner being then absent  
residing at New Orleans in the State of Louisiana, put  
in the said claim for the said slave in his own name  
the acting, in that behalf only as the agent of your petitioner.

Your petitioner further states that he filed some time since  
the affidavit of one Stephen Watson who was his  
father's overseer at the time the aforesaid slave was taken  
away by which he proved the servitude of the said slave  
as also that the property of the said slave was in your  
petitioner; from which said affidavit he concluded  
that your honors would see that the said slave was his  
property and would allow him the compensation  
accordingly. But so it is that the compensation for the  
said slave has been awarded to his father, to whom the  
slave did not belong instead of your petitioner who was  
the rightful owner; as will be manifest from the  
letter of his said Father directed to Henry Ashton his attorney  
in that behalf which is herewith filed and marked *Exhibit A*

Whereupon your petitioners respectfully pray your honors  
to account the said award which is 863 on the double  
aid; to allow the compensation for the said flow to your  
petitioners and as in duty bound

To. Arthon for W.K. Fitzgibbon

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Slaves

Fitzhugh John - Calcutt. C. Md.

1 slave - John - \$600.

Recd. 17 Octr 1823

Sir

October

1823

I have the honor of inclosing a statement under oath (supported by the deposition of a respectable disinterested witness) of the loss of a Negro taken by the British during the last war, whilst <sup>the</sup> Squadron had the command and laid in the waters of the Petusent in the State of Maryland. This I have done in conformity to the notice of the meeting of the Commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent on the 20th of the present month. I have the honor to be very respectfully

Your obt. Servt  
John Fitzhugh  
The Honorable  
John Quincy Adams.

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John Quincy Adams

Department of State

Washington

PHILADELPHIA

The Honorable

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Washington District of Columbia D. C.

Be it remembered that on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1828 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Alexander Watson and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty god that he was well acquainted with a certain Negro Slave the Property of William K Fitzhugh of Calvert County in the State of Maryland by the Name of John who eloped from his said Master in the year 1814 and went away with the British Forces, and that the said Slave before his said elopement was usually called and known by the Name of John that is John Stiles

Sworn before  
Graham W. L. P.

Wm. K. Fitzhugh

filed July 14<sup>th</sup> 1828

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That *I William K. Fitzhugh of Colver County in the State of Maryland* have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint Colonel Henry Ashton, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, *my* true and lawful Attorney, for and in *my* name to demand and receive from the Government of the United States, and in all lawful ways to prosecute all claims which *I* have for compensation for slaves, and other property, captured by the British forces, during the late war of 1812, between the said Government of the United States and the Government of Great Britain, and carried away contrary to the provisions of the first article of the treaty of Ghent, and acquittances to give in the same manner that *I* could do *myself* if present; and *I* do hereby fully ratify and confirm all which *my* said Attorney may do for *me* and in *my* name in this behalf.

AS WITNESS *my* hand and seal this *fifteenth* day of *April* . . . . . eighteen hundred and twenty-eight

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in the presence of }

*R. S. Driscoll*

*Wm K Fitzhugh* [SEAL.]  
*3* [SEAL.]

*District of Columbia County of Washington town.*

Be it remembered that on this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* 1828 before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the county of said personage appeared *William K. Fitzhugh* party to the above instrument of writing or drawn of attorney and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned acknowledged before

*R. S. Driscoll J. Peace*

Slaves

in Mr. Fitzhugh's letter of Oct-1823  
Recd 17. " — "

1 Slave - John - \$600

a Statement of the loss of a Slave by the name of John -

State of Maryland Calvert County

Be it remembered that on this First day of October  
Eighteen hundred and Twenty three personally appeared before  
the Subscriber one of the States Justices of the Peace for Calvert  
County and State aforesaid John Fitzhugh of the County and  
State aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Al-  
mighty God, deposeth and saith that on or about the last of  
the month of June or first of July 1814. his Negro Muleto  
Slave by the name of John and aged about Twenty years  
was taken and carried from his farm (whereon this deponent  
resided) on board the Frigate Severn at that time commanded  
by Captain Bourse then lying in the waters of the Patuxent  
or some one of the vessels of the Squadron then under the  
Command of Captain Bourse - and that the said Muleto  
John was worth the sum of six hundred Dollars and  
to the best of his knowledge and judgement the value-  
tion annexed to his name as above stated is a true and just  
one and that he was worth the sum of Money at which he  
is appraised and valued and that his colour Name and  
age are true descriptions of the said Negro John - sworn to  
before me the day and year above written -

Slave John - <sup>age</sup> 20. valued at \$600 - a valuable Waiter and  
House servant -

M. H. Lewis (Seal)

Justice of the Peace

At the same time personally appeared before me the States  
Justice of the Peace aforesaid John Tucker who being duly  
sworn deposeth and saith that he well knew Negro Slave  
John the property of the aforesaid John Fitzhugh who was  
taken and carried away by some of the officers and Men under  
the Command of Captain Bourse of the British Britanic Ma-  
jestic frigate the Severn then lying in the waters of the Patuxent

This deponent saw the said Mulatto Man John at his house in the possession and under the command of the said Captain House carrying his Purse and Spyl glass in the capacity of a waiter and he believes as a conductor for the party And that he values and appraises the said Slave John to be worth the sum of six hundred Dollars and that his name and age are these descriptions of the said Slave sworn to before me the day and year above stated

W. Lewis - Seal

State of Maryland, Calvert County

I hereby certify that William J Lewis Esquire before whom the affoying depositions were made and taken and who has 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 Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my Office this Eighth day of October Anno Domini 1823.

William J. Marsell Clk of Calvert County Court

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Fitzhugh John  
Slave No. 11

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28<sup>th</sup> July 1828 Allowed  
for one slave taken  
from Maryland @  
\$280 - Interest received