




State of Maryland. Somerset County to wit:

I Joseph Hardy do make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that on or about the Month of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen My Negro Man Levin slave for life, ran off and went on board some of the British Vessels lying in Tangier sound and was by them carried away - That he was stout and healthy aged about twenty one years and according to the prices current at that time would have sold for the sum of four hundred dollars. Witness my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one -


Joseph Hardy - 


Sworn before us Two of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, the day and year aforesaid. Witness our hands and seals -

John Wilkins 

William Coulbourn 

We Robert Bell and Edward Coulbourn, do make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that we were near neighbours of the aforesaid Joseph Hardy the eleventh at the time his Negro Man Slave Levin ran off to the British and do believe the circumstances as sworn to by him to be correct. Witness our hands and seals this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Robert Bell 

Edward Coulbourn 

Sworn before us Two of the Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, the day and year above written -

John Wilkins -

William Coulbourn

Maryland Jt. I William B. Magister Chief  
 Judge of the fourth Judicial District of Maryland  
 composed of Berkeley, Caroline, Somerset & Wor-  
 -chester Counties, hereby certify that John Done Esq.  
 who appears to have signed the certificate below,  
 is Clerk of Somerset County Court of.

Given under my hand &  
 Seal at Cambridge this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821

W. B. Magister Seal

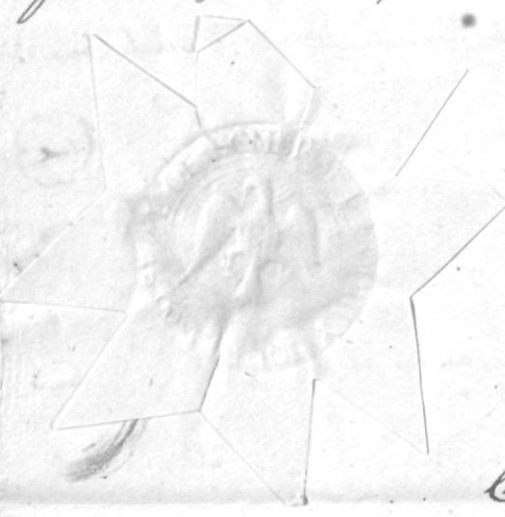
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 Mrs. Ann. Stewart  
 28 April 1821  
 Somerset Co. Md.  
 Joseph M. Smith  
 Clerk of  
 Court

State of Maryland & Co. Md. I John Done Clerk of Somerset County in the  
 Somerset County State of Maryland, do hereby certify to all whom it  
 doth or may concern that John Wilkins and William Caultain Esquires  
 before whom the within affidavits appeared to have been taken, and whose  
 signatures are respectively affixed thereto, were at the time of their taking  
 and certifying the same two of the Justices of the peace of the State  
 aforesaid, for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn  
 and that full faith and credit ought to be given to all acts done  
 by them in such, as well in Courts of Justice as there out

In testimony whereof I have hereto set  
 my hand and affixed the seal of my  
 Office this fourth day of May in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and twenty one

John Done (Ck. Som. County)

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of England  
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D. S. Hall Esquire

Attorney at Law

Washington City

In the case of  
Hardy.

Benjamin Bidsworth of Governor's bounty  
in the State of Maryland being duly sworn  
doth depose and say that on or about  
the month of November in the year  
one thousand eight hundred and  
fourteen, he was on Fonger's Island,  
at the time the British had possession,  
and that he distinctly recollects having  
seen in the British ranks and  
in British uniform, the Hood of  
Joseph Hardy of Governor's bounty, by  
the name of Levin, that he had  
conversation with him and inquired  
whether he was willing to return  
to his Master, to which he the said  
slave replied, that he was willing,  
but having enlisted in the British  
service and having on the  
British uniform, it was impossible  
for him to get off without being  
detected. This deponent further states  
that he saw at the same time Orestor  
or Harsto Hood of Isaac Beouchonp;



and the slave of Edmund Cabboun  
for each of which this deponent  
has been informed an allowance  
has been made by the Commissioners  
under the Great Treaty -

Benjamin Betsworth

State of Maryland, Somerset County, to wit:

Personally appeared before us, on  
this twenty eighth day of April  
in the year one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty eight, Benjamin

Betsworth and made oath that

the foregoing statement to which

his name is subscribed is true

and correct to the best of

his knowledge and belief -

Given before us two of the

Justices of the peace for the County

and State aforesaid -

W. H. Curtis  
Daniel Dakes

Maryland, Somerset County, to wit: I hereby Certify that William  
H. Curtis and Daniel Dakes Gentlemen before whom the  
within affidavit was made, and whose signatures appear there  
were at the time of making and signing the same. Justices of  
the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Somerset County  
duly Commissioned and sworn - In testimony whereof I

have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of Somerset County Court this twenty eighth  
day of April, eighteen hundred twenty eight  
Geo. Handley Clerk of the Court

Further proof is contained in the  
deposition of W. Sudler, filed in the  
claim of J. K. Carroll No. 776. -

This slave was sent from Tangier Island  
to the South on the 10th Dec. 1814. See the  
affidavit of William Sudler filed in the  
claim of [redacted]. It is conceived  
therefore to be a proper case for payment  
by the Georgia [redacted] nation.

D. A. Hall agent.





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Joseph Handy of  
Maryland.

D. A. Hall agent.

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✓ the  
29 July 1833 ac-  
counted for one  
slave taken from  
Maryland @ \$280

Interest received

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