

City of Baltimore July 10. 1828

Then appeared James A
Buckner, before the ~~Subscribes~~, one of the
Justices of the Peace for the City aforesaid,
and made oath, that in the Month of Sept
1814, when proceeding with a Flag to the
British Squadron then lying in the Chesapeake
Bay, he received from Richard Tristram, Esq^r,
an order or request to Admiral Cochrane,
for the return of four Slaves; which had been
forcibly removed from his Estate, that Admiral
^{Cochrane}
gave deponent an order to receive those Slaves
if to be found, that they could not be
found, and that to the best of his know-
ledge and belief, he on his return to
Baltimore, gave the said order from Admiral

Filed 14th July 1828
J. M.

State of Maryland Baltimore County Sch.

I hereby certify that James B. Latimer gentleman before whom the within deposition was made and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Baltimore duly commissioned and sworn.

Intestimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of Baltimore County Court this seventh day of July eighteen hundred and twenty eight.

Wm. Wilson

Deponent, to the said Subpoena Truly Ours

J. A. Rubenman

James B. Latimer

subscribed before

James B. Latimer



I hereby Certify that four Negro Men belonging to
Richard Trisby Esq. were deported by the Crew of the
British Frigate the Menelaus, from his Farm on
Farley Creek in this County, on or about the 26 August
1814 - I also Certify, that Swas taken prisoner by
the Crew of said Ship, on the 3rd September following,
at which time the above mentioned deported Negroes
were on board said Frigate, given under my hand
and Seal Kent County 30 June 1820 -

Witness

Jos T Mitchell

State of Maryland }
Kent County } On this 30 day of June 1820 Came
Jos T Mitchell before me the Subscriber, and made
Oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God, that the
above Certificate to which he has signed his Name
and affixed his Seal, is just and true to the best
of his knowledge and belief - given under my
hand and Seal this 30 day of June 1820 -

Sworn before E. B. Gibbs

Maryland, Kent County &c.

I Hereby Certify that Edward B. Gibbs Esquire, before whom the within and foregoing affidavit was made and taken, and who hath thereto subscribed his name, was at the time of his taking and subscribing the same, and still is, one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for Kent County aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn and to all acts done by him as such due faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as therout.

In Testimony whereof I have
subscribed my name and
affixed the public seal of
my office this thirtieth day
of June Eighteen hundred
and twenty eight

Joseph N. Gordon
Jt. C. C. M.
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J. S.

State of Maryland

Baltimore County Ct.

I hereby certify that John F. Harris gentleman before whom the within deposition was made and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Baltimore duly commissioned and sworn.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Baltimore County Court this eleventh day of July eighteen hundred and twenty eight

Wm. Libb

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I Richard Frisby being duly sworn depose that
I saw that some of the men about the month
of August 1824. That four negro men
the property of the undersigned
y. Williams - Ephraim Solomon & Perry
who were on my farm in Kent County were
taken by force & carried a board of the
Munitions frigate - commanded by Sir
Pula Potter - That these slaves were
seen on board by Joseph T. Mitchell Esq
was taken prisoner as that some
time after application was made
to Admiral Cochran for their
restoration - & that a compliance with
this request to be given an order for
that they should be returned - but when
the order was given the presented
was ascertained that the vessel containing
the slaves of this deponee had dropped

know the law & of course were not
deceived - That the order of Admiral
Duckworth was transmitted to Congress
when this defendant petitioned for
he compensated for injuries sustained
as he believed by having soldiers
quartered upon his estate - That the
said certificate has by some accident
been mislaid & never recovered

This defendant further says that
the persons in whose names he
has received or retained &
of course have formed a entire
list of names having received any
sort of compensation for their
services has been learned either
before or when they were committed

This defendant states that some
time in the year one thousand

eight hundred & twenty two or about
the 8th of July in the settlement of a debt
due the City Bank of Baltimore that he made
a regular assignment of his claims for
these slaves & has received an entire
acquittance & discharge from said
Bank & is now in any degree answerable
for the validity of the present claims.
& that this defendant has no kind of
interest in the success thereof - as he
will derive no kind of remuneration
or be in no manner benefited thereby
given under my hand. Thus this

10th of July 1823

Sworn and subscribed to
this 10th July 1823. before
me a Justice of Peace of
the City of Baltimore

John F. Harris.


Richard Freesby

State of Maryland Kent County to wit:

I hereby certify that Edward B Gibbs gentleman before whom it appears the within affidavit was taken and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of his so doing and still is one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn and to all acts done by him 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 Public seal of my Office this Seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Joseph N Gordon Clk
Kent County Court



In the matter of Richard Fairby's claim for negro seized and carried off by the officers of the British Navy, now pending before the Commission in under the Ghent Treaty.

At the request of the Claimant I have to state that being an Officer in the 21st Reg^t of Maryland Militia and on duty in the vicinity of said Fairby's Estate in Kent County I was on friendly occasions sent to the Shore of the Chesapeake Bay with a flag of truce to confer with the officers of the ^{British} Frigate Menelaus - principally to effect an exchange of prisoners. An action had been fought between a part of the Regiment commanded by Col^o (now General) P. Reed in which some of the crew of that ship had been made prisoners. I did not see and probably if I had could not have identified Mr. Fairby's negro but I very distinctly recollect that it was at the time matter of common conversation that several of

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Mr. Frisby's negroes were taken and had gone to the Frigate then lying off his Farm. I also very distinctly recollect that on the occasion of one of my visits to the Shore with a flag permission was given to an agent of Mr. Frisby (I believe the late Mr. Jefferies dec'd) to accompany the flag and make an effort to reclaim them and that the effort was not successful.

Many years have elapsed since the occurrence which I believe was in August 1814 and particulars have no doubt escaped my recollection, but it was at the moment and always since has been the subject of frequent remark that Mr. Frisby's negroes were on board that Frigate and taken at that time and a most important movement of Capt. Parker the Commander, into an intricate position at or about midnight was currently said to have been effected by the aid of these very negroes of Mr. Frisby who were stated to have been brought on Shore to ~~act~~ direct

him to our Camp. This statement was I know credited by many of our people who could not ascertain any other mode by which information so accurate as the enemy certainly winced, could have been obtained.

E. F. Chambers

Charter Town

3 July 1828

Maryland Kent County Jc.

On this 3^d day of July 1828 before the Subscribes a Justice of the Peace of the said State for said County personally appeared the above named Esq. E. F. Chambers and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the matters stated in the foregoing deposition are true to the best of his knowledge and belief

Sworn before

E. M. Gibbs

To the Hon^{ble}. the Senate of ~~the United States~~ and House of
 Representatives ~~of the~~ Congress of the United States —

The Memorial of your Petitioner respectfully sheweth, that He
 owns a valuable Estate on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, situated in Kent
 County, forming the Peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and Fairlee
 Creek. This high Point of Land being a most suitable situation for observing
 the movements of the Enemy, a detachment of Militia, or a military guard
 was generally stationed there to watch the British, and to communicate the
 earliest intelligence to the commanding Officer. The Militia at all times enjoyed
 the Privilege of occupying any part of the Buildings, and of taking any
 thing from the Farm that their necessities ^{or comfort} might require. About the close
 of the Summer of 1814, when your Memorialist was constantly and actively
 engaged as a Member of the Committee of Vigilance and safety of the City
 of Baltimore, in preparing for defence against the threatened Attack of the
 Enemy, ~~the British~~ ^{a Squadron} ~~of the~~ to be commanded by Sir Peter Parker anchored the
 Chesapeake Bay, and anchored opposite my Farm. After a variety of harassing
 and hostile movements, which were constantly watched by the unceasing visi-
 lance of the gallant Veteran Gen^l. Philip Stuebel; after they had before been
 defeated in several skirmishes by the brave Militia under his command
 the Enemy availing themselves of the great advantage they possess, in having
 the exclusive command of the Water, in a bountiful way where interested

Memorial of
 Beck's Family

15 Aug 1814

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Memorial of Wickham
 Paid by paying compensation
 for property destroyed by the
 Enemy during the late war

1818. Feb. 9. read &
 to Com^{rs} of Claims.

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Clarendon

with Banks and Oliver, made a sudden dash, and in a moment the Buildings of Mr. Henry Waller, then my neighbour, but now a citizen of the State of New York, were in flames. On the following morning after a variety of manœuvring, with their Boats crowded with Men they landed on the opposite side of Fairlee Creek; by this means succeeding in drawing off the Militia from the my farm, where ~~they~~ ^{had been} ~~was~~ that morning in considerable force. When they landed at Mr. James Frisby's they discovered their mistake. They found that the object of their vengeance lay on the other side of the Creek. They instantly returned, made a sudden rush, set fire to my buildings, wheat, corn and Hay, seized and forcibly carried off four of my most valuable Slaves, and destroyed with a wasteful and Barbarian hand every thing within their reach. At this time the Militia, after disembarking from the Farm of your Memorialist, were under a rapid March to head Fairlee Creek, and to meet the Enemy on the opposite Shore ^{where} they had effected a landing. On bursting out of the flames in the Buildings of your Memorialist gave the first notice to General Ouellet that the Enemy had suddenly returned. Quickly he wheeled his gallant Troops, and flew to the spot where the Enemy were carrying on their ~~work~~ disgraceful work of destruction. But the moment that the Enemy discovered the Militia rapidly advancing, they precipitately fled like dastards towards their Boats. It was on the following night at a midnight Hour, that the British attempted to storm the Camp of General Ouellet, who still continued in the neighbourhood exerting every Faculty and straining

every nerve to defend the Country from the savage incursions of the Enemy. But this revolutionary Hero, who had learnt the Art of War in our contest for Independence, never slept when the Enemy was near. He was continually on the alert. He was ready at his Post, and prepared for the Shock. Sir Peter Parker at the head of 250 chosen Troops under cover of the night rushed in to attack this brave Spartan Band, composed of ^{little more than 100} Militia Men ^{led} on by their gallant Chief. The memorable result was glorious to the American Arms. Sir Peter Parker fell in this engagement, and upwards of 20 of his Men were left upon the Field of Battle. Thus ended the shameful Depredations of the Enemy up the Chesapeake Bay, after marking out your Memorialist as a suitable Victim, on whom to vent their Savage Vengeance. Your Memorialist ~~is~~ ^{is} presenting to the view of your Hon^{ble} Body, a detailed summary of the ~~the~~ leading facts connected with his ~~loss~~, now respectfully submits this case to your consideration, and in appealing to the Justice of his Country, he feels the fullest confidence, that you will award to him such compensation as upon examination you shall find him to be entitled to. For further information your Memorialist would beg leave to refer your Hon^{ble} Body to Gen^l. Philip Ouellet, who is minutely acquainted with all the circumstances, and now represents that District in the Congress of the United States. -

Richard Frisby

We the undersigned being called upon by Richard Finby to value four Male Slaves taken from his Father's Estate in Kent County Maryland by the Officers and Crew of the British Frigate Menelaus commanded by Sir Peter Parker during her Cruise up the Chesapeake Bay in the Autumn of Eighteen hundred and fourteen & first being duly sworn, do adjudge and award the said Slaves to have been respectively worth at the time that they were taken away the following Sums viz

William aged about 25 Years	-----	\$ 440 .. 00
Ephraim aged about 22 Years	-----	\$ 460 .. 00
Solomon aged about 20 Years	-----	\$ 500 .. 00
Persim aged about 17 Years	-----	\$ 200 .. 00
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		\$ 1600 .. 00

Given under our hands and seals in Kent County State of Maryland this eighteenth day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

James Bowyer Seal

John Jeffries Seal

Kent County State of Maryland to wit

Be it remembered that on this

eighteenth day of May in the Year eighteen hundred and twenty one personally appeared James Bowyer and John Jeffries before me the Subscriber One of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid

In Witness Whereof I have signed this 26 May 1821.

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and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the
within Statement contain a true and correct valuation of the four Male
Slaves taken from the said Richard Fairby during the late War by
the British under the command of Sir Peter Parker, to the best of their
knowledge and belief.

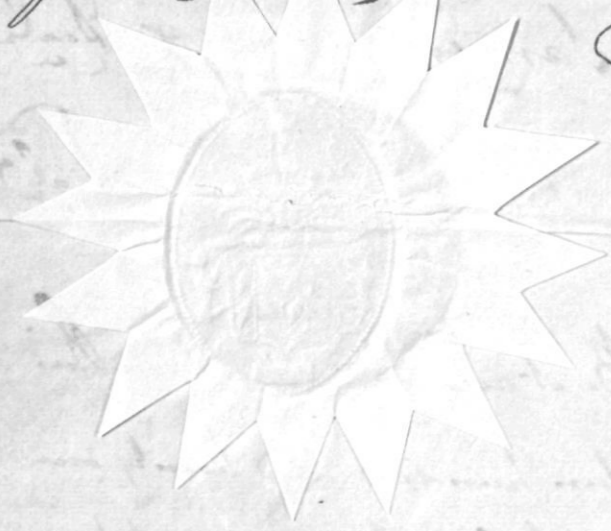
John Lucas³

Maryland,
Kent County }
} Esquire

I Herely certify that John Lucas³
Gentleman before whom it appears the
within and aforesaid affidavits were made
and who hath hereto subscribed his name, was at
the time of his so doing and still is one of the State
of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for
Kent County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn
and to all whose acts as such due faith and
credit are and ought to be given as well in Courts
of Justice as thereout

In Testimony whereof I have
hereto subscribed my name
and affixed the publick
Seal of my Office this eighteenth
day of July Eighteen
hundred and twenty one

William Scott clk.
Kent County Court
M.



Recd 30 ~~June~~ May
John Quincy Adams Esq

Baltimore May 26th 1821

Sir

Agreeably to the Requisition
from your Department, I take the liberty of transmitting
to you enclosed, a Document containing the valuation
of 4 of my Slaves, forcibly carried off by the British
during the late War. Being constantly engaged in Balti-
more as a Member of the Committee of Vigilance and
Safety, the first information I obtained of the Enemy's
excursion up the Bay, was the total destruction of
my valuable improvements on my Estate in Kent County.
And what was still more painful to my feelings, was
the carrying away by force 4 of my most trusty and valua-
ble Servants. When a Flag of Truce was sent to the
British Fleet, by the public Authorities in Baltimore, I
sent to Admiral Cochrane a statement of the peculiar
situation of my Slaves. He gave a written Order for them
to be delivered up to me, but they had been before sent down
the Bay. This Paper is filed among the Records of Congress.

I am most respectfully
Yr Obedt Servant
Richard Finley

1-570-
1-460
1-440
1-200
1-167
4 Slaves - \$1800 - 1 Reg^r enclosed - (Admiral
Cochran's order for their release is filed
with Congress) - Let from Kent Co.
Balt. 26 May 1821
Washed 862
Trisby, Richard - Baltimore
R. P. G. M. JUN 5 1821
Secretary of State
Washington City
John Quincy Adams Esq

Remarks submitted to the Board, in the case of Richard Frisby Esq^r.

This claim was originally filed in the name of Mr. Frisby but he having by his conveyance deposited with the Clerk of the Board, in the year 1822 conveyed his interest in the same to the City Bank of Baltimore in payment of a debt, which was absolutely discharged in consequence thereof, that interest is now alone interested in the recovery.

Under these circumstances the deposition of Mr. Frisby has been filed with the other evidence, and it is presumed no exception can be taken to its competency. Independently however of this document, the testimony in support of the claim appears to be ample and conclusive. Col. Chambers (now of the Senate of the United States) who was engaged at the time in the military service of the country shews that the slaves were deported. Mr. Mitchell swears that he saw them on board the Menelaus in September following. Mr. James A. Buchanan establishes the same facts and that Admiral Cochrane gave an order for their restoration, but in consequence of the vessel being dropped down the bay before it could be pursued, they were never recovered. It is presumed that a stronger mass of testimony, or more respectable in its character could

Claim of

Richard Frisby Esq^r:

for the use of

The City Bank of Baltimore.

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not be presented, without having recourse to the deposition of
Mr. Frisby himself therefore it is presumed no difficulty will exist
in the case, but should that also be admitted no doubt can be
entertained of a favorable decision -

Rich^d. S. Boyle
Agent for the City Bank
of Baltimore

July 14, 1828 -

It is requested also that the award may be made in favor of the
City Bank to whom it has been transferred -

Rich^d. S. Boyle
Agent do.

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Frisby Richard
Slaves No. 2

Rich^d. S. Long
agent.

23th July 1838 - allowed
in the case of Richard Frisby
/ N^o 862 on the docket to the
paid out, directors & Company
of the city bank of Baltimore,
assignees of said Richard Fris-
by, for four slaves taken
from Maryland @ \$280
each, making the sum of
\$1120 - Interest reserved
