

Slaves - 883  
Jas. S. Humphrey James  
Washg 20. April.

1 Slave

1 Slave Archibald - \$1000 -

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30<sup>th</sup> July 1828

allow for one slave  
taken from Maryland  
@ \$230 - P. H. Keeser

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The Memorial of James Pumphrey To the Commission  
under the St. Petersburg Convention respectfully sheweth  
that your Memorialist has the best reason for believing  
that a slave his property absconded from him at his  
residence in this City in the year 1814. joined the British  
Forces at or near Upper Marlbo in Prince Georges County  
and was carried off by them upon the disembarkation at  
Benedict in that year; that the name of the said Slave was  
~~Archie~~, that he was about Twenty five years of Age at  
that time, and that he was a highly valuable and useful  
fellow, worth according to the best estimates which he can  
make at the period of his absconding and abduction aforesaid  
about One thousand dollars. Your Memorialist begs leave  
to refer to the Letter subjoined from the said Archieald  
to his mother dated Luth in Scotland as corroborative  
of the fact referred to of his having been taken off by  
the British Forces. Your Memorialist therefore prays for  
such indemnity as may be deemed reasonable and just  
according to the provisions of the Treaties of Ghent and St.  
Petersburg under which your Honorable Board is instituted.

Your Memorialist will thus forever Pray &c &c

Washington City 20<sup>th</sup> April 1824.

James Pumphrey

testes

R. Johnson

mark

Washington City & County Term

Then came before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid the said James Pumphrey and made solemn oath to the truth of the facts stated within according to the best of his knowledge and belief. At the same time appeared before me John Wheat of the said City who was well acquainted with the said slave and solemnly declared all of the things therein contained to be true and that the value of the said slave at the time referred to Eight hundred dollars.

R. Johnson  
J. P.

Wheat  
Pumphrey  
Slave  
Value  
800



(Copy)

Luth 8 May 1815

Dear Mother

I am very happy of having the pleasure of writing these few lines to let you know that I am in good health at present hoping this will have found you in the same state and will you be so good as to Enquire after my Son and when he is and likewise after my Money which is due to me by Nathan Hale owed me 6 Dollars and 1 pair of Boots and his Appurtee boy Joseph Dunlop owed me 7 Dollars would you be so kind as to get that money and to give it to my son in order to clothe him or to get him any thing that he stands in need of and likewise Wm Berry owes me 4 Dollars on Greenings Point Charles Thompson and James Berry at the tan yard owes me 1 1/2 Dollars, Glem Smith I left my Jacket there and he owes me one Dollar you will find Glem Smith at Nonsuch and I would be very happy if you have heard from my wife since she left the States of America so write if you have heard from her and when she is if you have heard any thing of her I have been very well off these two years last past I have had 20 Guineas and all my clothes I should be very happy to hear from all my friends and I Hope Dear Mother you

Wm Henry Hall

Wm Henry Hall



you will find Charles Smith at number 8  
I would be very happy if you have heard from  
my wife since she left the States of America  
so write me if you have heard from her & when  
she is if you have heard anything of her  
I have been very well off these two years last  
had I have had 20 Guinea and all my cloths  
I should be very happy to hear from all  
my friends & hope your Mother you will  
be so good as write me an answer to let me  
know how all things go on in the Colon  
by I have left the Gentlemen and on that  
account I was out of employment but now  
I have got some for 3 shillings per week but  
I hope to get into Gentlemen's service  
the course of 6 or 7 weeks - I say to your  
Mother I would be very happy to hear of her  
whether she is dead or alive & as for my Dear  
I have never heard of her since I left her house

If you  
I have  
is any accident about  
I have heard of a  
Great boat of a Saddle & other  
you write to me I want your letters  
Ho Robt Foroyth Habler Leith  
I am Dear Mother  
- you shall hear  
I shall hear

Yours  
R. Foroyth



M. Henry Sale, Upper  
Morbovy

Mr. Wm. Berry  
I hope to see you  
very soon  
I am  
very  
dear  
to  
me  
I  
am  
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Dear Mother

Leitch July 1876

I am very happy of having the  
pleasure of writing you these few lines  
to let you know that I am in good health at  
present hoping this will have found you in  
the same state - and will you be so good as  
to give my regards to ~~the~~ ~~brother~~  
is & likewise after my money which is due to  
me by Nathan had owe me 6 dollars & pair of  
boots & his apprentice boy owe me Joseph Decker  
owed me 7 dollars - would you be so kind as to  
get that money and give it to my son in  
order to cloth him or to get him anything that  
he stands in need of - & likewise Wm Berry owe  
me 4 dollars on greenleaf Point - Chas Thomson  
& Jas Berry Stanger owe me 1/2 dollar - Clin  
Smith left my jacket then & he owes me 1/2 dollar

The State of Maryland Prince Georges County Town

On the 16th day of June 1828 -

Wm H Hale of lawful age came  
before me the Subscriber a Justice of  
the peace for Prince Georges County aforesaid  
and being duly sworn on the holy -  
scriptures of Almighty God deposes  
and saith that negro Archibald the  
Slave of James Humphrey was with  
the British at Upper Marlboro in  
August 1814 - and that he is very  
certain he went off with them (and)  
from what he has heard was with them  
for months after (and) that he was -  
in the Vessels after the Battle of New Orleans  
Given under my hand this the date  
above

P. Bowling

He further swears that Archibald went  
off with Polly Aphelias the Slave of  
John Read Chesapeake

P. Bowling

Write be so good to write me an answer to let me know  
how all things is a going on in the Country I have  
left the Gentleman and on that account I was  
out of Employment and now I have got some  
for 9 shillings in the week but I hope to get into  
Gentlemans service in the course of 3 or 4 weeks  
and my old Grandmother I would be very happy  
to hear of her whether she be dead or alive and  
as for my Dear I have never heard from her since  
I left her house.

great coat & saddle I sold him when you write  
to me direct your letters to Robt Fosyth, Stable  
Leith I am Dear Mother your Obedient Son  
— Archibald Clark —

Mr Wm Berry I would be very happy to hear from  
you that you are all well and write an answer  
and send it before

Washington City 20<sup>th</sup> March 1824  
I do Certify that I have copied the within  
from the Original letter as near as possible  
— Thomas Shinn —



Maryland Prince Georges County set

Shuley certify that Basil Bowling  
gentleman by whom the within oath was administered  
and whose name ~~is~~ subscribed was at the time  
of administering and signing the same and still is one of  
the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in  
and for said County duly Commissioned & Sworn



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
seal of Prince Georges County Cant this  
sixth day of June Anno Domini  
Eighteen Hundred and twenty Eight

Aquila Bealck of  
Prince Georges County Cant

filed June 17<sup>th</sup> 1828.