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Claim of Thomas
Williams of Md.

D. A. Hall agent.

30th July 1828 Allow
for one slave Tom
taken from Maryland
@ \$380 Int-reserved

The separate answer of the Mayor, Board of Alder-
men and Board of Common Council, ^{of Washington} to the Bill of Complaint
of Thomas Law. These defendants, by Richard Wallach
their solicitor, reserving to themselves all just benefit of
exception to the uncertainties and insufficiencies of the
said Bill, for answer thereto, say, that true it is, as the
said Complainant hath in his said Bill alleged, that the
said Corporation of Washington did in 1822, set up and ex-
pose to sale, by the grant of Congress, certain reservation
of land, in the said City, the same being first divided in-
to building lots, and that at a public sale the said John
Law became the purchaser of one of the said lots,
to wit. of lot No. 28, in the Reservation known and
distinguished as No. 10, on the plan of the said City.

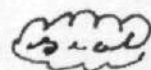
See the deposition of W. Williams and T. Jones
filed in the claim of J. Beauchamp, for
the proof in this case. No. 784.

D. A. F.

State of Maryland, Somerset County to-wit:

I Thomas Williams do make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that on about the 10th or 11th of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, my negro man named Tom, slave for life, ran off and went on board some one of the British Vessels in Foreign Trade, and was carried away - that the said Negro Tom was seen on board one of the British Vessels - that the said Tom was brought up in my house as a waiter, that he was about eighteen years of age, and according to the prices then current he would have sold for the sum of four hundred ~~thousand~~ ~~and fifty~~ dollars. Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Thomas Williams



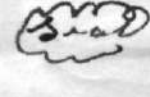
Known before us two of the Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid.

John Williams

Thomas Robertson

We Wm Williams and James S. Horsey make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that we were neighbours of Thomas Williams the deponent above, when his slave Tom ran off to the British, and that we believe all the circumstances as sworn to by him, to be correct and true. Witness our hands and seals this 27th day of April 1821.

William Williams 

James S. Horsey 

Known before us two of the Justices of the peace for the County and State aforesaid.

John Williams

Thomas Robertson

Maryland p.
 I William B. Martin Chief Judge
 of the fourth Judicial district of Maryland com-
 -posed of Dorchester, Caroline Somerset & Worcester
 Counties, hereby certify that John Done Esq. who
 appears to have signed the certificate below, is
 Clerk of Somerset County Court aforesaid.

Given under my hand and
 Seal at Cambridge, this 9th day of May 1821.

William B. Martin Seal

27th. Carroll 14 May
 Thomas Williams Somerset Co. Va.
 27 April 1821
 29 Apr 18 - 1 May, Jan. 18 - \$400.

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State of Maryland
 Somerset County to wit. I John Done Clerk of Somerset County in
 the State of Maryland, do hereby certify to all whom it doth or may
 Concern that John Wilkins and Thomas Robertson Esquires before
 whom the within affidavits appear 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 Commission-
 ed and sworn, and that full faith and credit ought to be
 given to all acts done by them as such, as well in Court 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 Clerk Somerset County

Got 16th.