

Depositions taken at the town of Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland, on the 15th day of March 1851, before George H. Joyce Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, of the State aforesaid, in and for the said County, in the presence, and under the supervision of Edward M. Wise, Special agent, appointed for that purpose, by his Excellency the Governor, in the matter of the requisition of his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania, for the delivery of a certain James S. Mitchell of said County, who stands charged in the State last aforesaid, with the crime of Kidnapping.

Alexander Maxwell, a competent Witness of lawful age, being produced on the part of the said J. S. Mitchell, and duly sworn upon the holy Evangelry of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that, sometime last Summer, a man arrived in the town of Elkton, calling himself a Mr Alberti, having in his charge and custody, a negro Woman and her child, claimed as Slaves by James S. Mitchell of Cecil County, and that this deponent accompanied the said Alberti to the said Mitchell's residence, and upon their arrival there, the said Mitchell was at home, and returned with the said Alberti, and this deponent, to the said town of Elkton. The said negro Woman and child, were left at the said town of Elkton, until the said Mitchell, Alberti and this deponent returned; and this deponent has no knowledge, of any other negro Woman or child having been brought to the said town for the said Mitchell.

Sworn to, and subscribed before me, on this 15th day of March, Anno Domini, 1851. Alexander Maxwell
 Geo. H. Joyce

John J. Hanes, a competent Witness of lawful age, being produced on the part of the said J. S. Mitchell, and duly sworn, on the Holy Evangelry of Almighty God, deposeth and saith,

1st That Mr J. S. Mitchell, was not personally present in Pennsylvania, (neither was he engaged to the best of his knowledge and belief,) either as principal or accessory, in the enticement, seizure, or transportation out of said State, of the said boy, Joel Henry Thompson.

2nd That this deponent was present, with Mr James S. Mitchell, in Elkton, on the day that the said fugitive Slave Woman, and her child, were brought to this town, that the said Woman Betsey, recognized and acknowledged Mr James S. Mitchell, as her master, and that the boy Joel Henry Thompson, (acknowledging that to be his name) was her son.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, } John J. Hanes
 this 15th day of March, Anno Domini 1851 }
 Geo. H. Joyce