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"State of Maryland Calvert County To Wit

On the 12th day of May Eighteen hundred and twenty eight personally appeared Barbara Fowler who made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that at the time the British troops acting under the command of Capt. Nurse, burnt the Court house in said County, that Negro Frisby the property of William Harris late of Said County decd, were in company with said troops with a sword by his side and that she never understood that he had any sir [] - and further saith not.

Swom to before

Levin W. Ballard

Calvert County []

I hereby certify that Levin W Ballard Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and whose name is thereto subscribed was at the time of so doing one of the State of Marylands Justices of the Peace in and for the said county duly commissioned and sworn

> I Testimony where of I have hereto set my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twelfth day of May Anno Domini 1828 Wm. S. Morrell clk of Calvt Coty Court

D.A Hall Esqr

Lower Marloborough

Above is all the evidence I can get about the negro I here it will be sufficient to get the money

my brother sent you an a power of attorney since time since Sincerely yours

Tho. W. Harris"

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"Deposition of Barbara Fowler

D.A. Hall Eqr

Attomey at Law Washington City D.C.

Case of A. Harris"

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Calvert County St

On this 22nd day of April 1828 personally appeared Thos. W. Harris before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that negro Frisby which was taken by the British belonging to William Harris dec. He was known by no other Sir name that Harris - and that Robert Yoe decd. told this deponant that the said negro Frisby Harris was with the British Troops at Prince Frederick Town acting as an office with the said troops and assisted in setting fire to the Court House and Jail in said Town

Swom before Thos. B. King"

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"State of Maryland Calvert County Sd.

I Hereby certify that Thomas B. King Gentleman before whom the within deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly [paper seal covers words] and swom

> In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. William S. Morrell Clk of

Calvert County Court"

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"Statement

Claim of William Harris dec.d of Maryland for one slave Frisby

By the deposition of Wm. A. Robinson, it appears that this slave was with the British in July 1814 and was active in the aid he game them in their work of plunder and wasting and this deposition of Benj. Robinson is to the same effect. A slave of so useful abilities was not likely to want employment under his new masters. And accordingly it appears by the deposition of Thomas W. Harris that he was known + reported to have been an officer among their troops [] no doubt + to have assisted them in setting fire to the Court House. Such an offi -"

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"cer is forever among the coloni al marines, at page 18 - there called Corporal Harris. This man we claim as the slave of Wm. Harris - now was know likely to have ascender in the scale or promotion to the rank of a Corpl. than he was proven himself so active in his zeal at his first adhesion to the enemy D.A. Hall"

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"One Negro man Named Frisby 18 years of age belonging to Wm. Harris late of Calvert County deceased taken by the British from Gods Graces on the 14th day of July 1814 value at that time as ------\$500..00

## Calvert County Sd.

On this 17th day of August 1822
personally appreared Benja. Robinson before me the
subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county afore
said and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almight
God that negro Frisby the property of Wm. Harris late of Calvert
County deceased was in possession of the British forces at
Gods Graces on or about the 14th day of July 1814 and I have
every reason to believe he was take off by them as he
lived with Doct. John H. Beall at that place and was
not seen after they left there

Swom before Arthur Harris

Slaves Dep. Harris, Wm. decd. Calvert Co Md. 22 Augt. 1822

Slave Frisby - 18 - \$500"

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"Calvert County Sd.

On the 22 day of August 1822

personally appeared William A. Robinson before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the within named negro man Frisby the property of Wm. Harris late of Calvert County deceased was in possession of the British forces on or about the 14th day of July 1814 at Gods Graces the place where the British landed that I saw the said negro assisting the British to carry some f the furniture belonging to Doct. John H. Beall on board the British Barges at that place and have every reason to believe the said negro was taken off by them as he lived with Doct. John H. Beall and was not seen after they left there

Swom before

Arthur Harris

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sd.

I Hereby certify that Arthur Harris Gentleman before whom the within and above affidavits were made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing one of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Sworn---

> In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twenty seventh day of August Anno Domini 1822 Wm. S. Morrell Clk of Calvert County Court"

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William Harris of Md. for a Slave D.A. Hall agent

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19th July 1828 aclaimd. to the duly authorised represen taken of William Harris for one slave taken from Maryland \$280 Just reserved [?]"