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Calvert County Sc

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1828 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Abraham Low who being sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth & saith, that he knew a negro man who belonged to Thomas E. King named Samuel Quarry and that the said negro man had a negro woman named Mary for his wife who belonged to Benjamin Hance late of Calvert County dec'd and also that he well recollects that it was reported that the two negroes aforesaid went off to the British during the late war between this county and Great Britain and further saith not

Tho Mitchell

Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the [illegible] so doing one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the peace in and [illegible] county aforesaid duly commissioned & sworn In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twenty first day of April Anno Domini 1828

Wm S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

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Enclosed is the deposition of Abraham Low – proving the surname [sic] of Mary one of the slaves taken away by the British – belonging to Benjamin Hance or representative – This deposition has been taken since this case has been acted upon by the Board – The claim is again submitted to the Board upon this further testimony –

Robert P. Dunlop  
Agent  
28 April 1828

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representatives –  
additional evidence  
rendered in support  
of this claim –

R. P Dunlop

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Add'l Evidence -	Add'l Evidence filed July
Rec'd March 13 <sup>th</sup> 1828	28 <sup>th</sup> 1828

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Prince Frederick Town  
J.J. B. [illegible] 12 / 2  
Jan'y 21  
James J. Bourne Esquire  
Robert P. Dunlop Esqr  
Mail Geo: Town  
District of Columbia

Calvert County to wit

Be it remembered that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1828 before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County personally appears Benjamin Williams and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that Benjamin Hance of said County was in possession of a negro man who was commonly known by the name of William Ralph and that he this deponent from several circumstance has reason to beleive [sic] that the said William Ralph and a negro woman named Mary belonging also to the said Hance either absconded and went to the British or was taken away by them in the year 1814

Sworn before  
Tho. Mitchell

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Esquire before whom the above affidavit was made and who name is thereto subscribed was at the time of so doing and still is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this 18th day of January Anno Domini 1828

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Dr Sr

Be pleased to attend to the  
case herein enclosed & correspond  
with Jas J Bourne Esqr – agent  
of Elizabeth Hance Ex't of Benj'm  
Hance - & direct to St Leonard's  
In haste & with respect –

R.P. Dunlop Esq            { J.J. Brooke  
                                         { 21<sup>st</sup> Jan'y – 1828

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For

James J. Bourne

Add'l Evidence

filed March 13<sup>th</sup> 1828

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On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appeared Margaret Hance before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and being sworn on the Holy Evangely Almig -hty God deposeth and saith to the best of her recollection and belief a negro woman that Benjamin Hance lost in the year 1814 was ~~always~~ commonly known and called by the name of Mary Quarry and further saith not

Sworn before  
Tho. Mitchell

Calvert County Sct

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the above affidavit appears to have been made and whose name is thereto subscribed was at the time of so doing one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the peace in and for the Calvert aforesaid duly commissioned & sworn  
In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828

Wm S Morsell Clk of  
Calv't Co'ty Ct

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Recd 2 June

A list of negroes taken of [sic] by the British from Benjamin Hance of Calvert County State of Maryland in ~~the year~~ July 1814 as follows to wit –

One negro man named William aged 25 years	\$500.00
One negro woman named Mary aged 40 years	<u>\$300.00</u>
	<u>800.00</u>

Jacob B Hance  
Thomas C Ireland

May 21, 1821 Calvert County

This day came Jacob B Hance and Thomas C Ireland before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the above valuation is a just one to the best of their knowledge and belief  
Sworn before  
Sutton J. Weems

May 21 1821

This day came Benjamin Hance before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for Calvert County and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the above negroes was taken of [sic] by the British in July 1814 to the best of his knowledge.  
Sworn before  
Sutton J Weems

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc.

I Hereby certify that Sutton J Weems

Gentleman before whom the above depositions 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 –

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In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the Seal  
of my office this twenty first day of  
May in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and twenty one -  
William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

Slaves                      Dep.

Hance, Benj – Calvert Co. Md  
21 May 1821  
Recd 2 June “

2 Slaves –  
William – 25 - \$500  
Mary – 40 - 300

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Calvert County May 21 1821

This day came Jacob B Hance and Thomas C Ireland  
before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said  
County and made oath on the Holy Evangely of  
Almighty God that negro Will and negro Mary  
was taken of [sic] by the British some time in July  
Eighteen Hundred and fourteen to the best of  
their knowledge

Sworn before  
Sutton J. Weems

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Benjamin Hance of  
Calvert County Maryland  
claim for two slaves named  
William Ralph & Mary  
Quarry

Submitted  
R.P. Dunlop  
agent

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May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1828 allow'd for two  
slaves taken from Md - @ \$280  
\$560 Int reserved  
28 Mar: 1828

Taking proved –  
William on Halifax list p: 95

Where who is Margaret  
Hance? See 13 [illegible]