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Dr. John Dare's claim  
For slaves – of Md.  
D.A. Hall, agt

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12<sup>th</sup> March 1828  
~~Taking prove~~  
Allowed for one Slave  
Taken from Maryland  
\$280  
Int't Reserved

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One negro man named William taken by the British in July 1814 the property of Dr. John John Dare of Calvert County Maryland aged 23 years supposed to be worth five Hundred Dollars -----

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
Then came Basil Simmons before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said county and made oath on the Holy Evengely [sic] of Almighty God that he was present at present at Benjamin Hance Mackell's in the first of August 1814 when the British came there and with them a negro man the property of Dr. John Dare by the name of William who was employed by the british and had a black musket and acted [illegible] office over the British sailors. I had considerable conversation with the negro William the particulars I disremember.  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1822

Sworn before  
Arthur Harris

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A Certificate  
from Basil  
Simmons to Dr  
John Dare for  
his negro William

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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc:

I Hereby certify that Arthur Harris Esquire  
before whom the within affidavit was 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 & sworn:

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed the [illegible]  
County Court this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September  
Anno Domini 1822:

William S. Morsell Clk of  
Calv't County Court

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Zachariah Solhoron, living less than a mile from Benedict, aged about forty three years, being duly sworn on the holy evangely of Almighty God, deposeth & saith.

That when the British Army was about to march from Benedict for the City of Washington, he heard an officer speak to a black man by the name of William, who was the property of Doctor Deer [sic] of Calvert County, and who was a ser-jeant in a company of negroes, and asked him (Wm.) if he was not preparing to march. That the sd. black serjeant Wm answered, "No, that – he had been promised the priviledge [sic] of staying that he might get his wife, and that he would have her that night at the risk of his life. The officer, at first, - appeared to have no knowledge of William's having had such promise but after a while appeared to recollect it and the afs'd Serj't Wm was permitted to stay behind, and did go that night and got his wife and also a fellow who the sd. Serj't Wm told the Deponent was brother to his wife – Sworn to this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Ap'l 1815

Before me

Thomas Barber (J.P.)

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Slave

Doctor Deer [sic]  
Dare

Z. Solhoron's Dep'n

1 Slave – 500

Deposition  
of  
Zachariah Solhoron

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State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

Be it Remembered that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
~~December~~ January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
Hundred and twenty seven eight Jesse Buckmaster  
of Said County personally appears before the Subscriber  
a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in  
and for Calvert County aforesaid and being Sworn  
on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth  
and Saith, that a certain negro man William  
the property of Doct'r John Dare of Said County  
taken by the British Troops had assumed  
and taken the surname of Dare and by such  
Surname was known to this deponent and others  
and reputed in the neighbourhood as William  
Dare.

Sworn before Basil Simmons

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc.

I hereby certify that Basil Simmons Esq'r before  
whom the foregoing depositions were made and taken and who have  
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 Commissioned  
and Sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court  
this ninth day of January in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

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William Dare at p.  
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John Dares Claim

Affidavit of  
Basil Simmons

This claim is entered on the definitive list, erroneously as that of Dr. John Deer. The Depositions will show that it was Dare

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