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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1828 personally  
appeared Thomas Tucker before me the Subscriber  
a Justice of the peace in and for the County afore  
--said and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almi-  
-ghty God that he was personally acquainted  
with Negroes Pet or Petty – who were generally  
called and known by the name of Petey Gray and  
her child Mary – both of said Negroes he knew to  
be the property of John Tucker which was taken  
and carried away by the Brittish [sic] whilst in the  
waters of the Patuxant [sic] River during the late war  
to the best of his knowledge  
Sworn before Young Parran

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit:  
On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally  
appeared Thomas Tucker before me the Subscriber  
a Justice of the peace in and for the county afor-  
-esaid and made oath on the holy Evangely of  
Almighty God that he was personally acquainted  
with Gideon Brook the property of John Tucker  
(for life,) and that said Gideon was taken and  
carried away by the British whilst they lay in  
the waters of the Patuxant [sic] River in the year Eighteen  
hundred and fourteen  
Sworn before Young Parran

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St Leonard Md  
April 21<sup>st</sup>                      Paid 12/~

John Marbury Esqr  
George Town  
D.C. –

John Tucker  
Further proof respecting  
Negro Gideon -  
Filed April 29<sup>th</sup> 1828 –

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –  
On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1828 personally appeared John  
Frost before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace  
in and for the County aforesaid and made oath on the  
holy Evangely of Almighty God. That some time in  
the latter part of the year 1814 while the Brittish [sic] shipping  
lay in the patuxant [sic] River they ware [sic] in the habit of  
landing from their barges within three hundred yards  
of where he lived. And at three different times he saw  
Negro Gideon Brook the property of Mr John Tucker  
marching in the ranks with their [illegible word crossed out] men and  
dressed with a blue jacket and white trousers presise-  
=ly [sic] like their men and armed with a musket  
and appearing to be doing duty with them – he has  
some recollection that he saw him with them in  
the same situation often, but perfectly recollects  
at seeing him three different times – at which time  
they plundered him of his potatoes and Millions &  
pottery – I have known said Gidion [sic] Brook from his  
earliest youth and that he was the  
property of John Tucker  
Sworn before Young Parran

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Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Young Parran Gentleman before whom  
the above deposition was made and taken and whose name is thereto subscri  
=bed was at the time of so doing one of the State of Marylands 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 twelfth day of April Anno

Domini 1828

Wm S Morsell Clk of

Calvt Coty Court

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Calvert County 14<sup>th</sup> April 1828

Dear Sir/

You will receive herewith a deposition going to prove something about my Negro Gideon Brook being in the service of the Brittish [sic] after they had taken him from my possession – You will be pleased to make what use of it you may think proper in order to try to get my money for him You will please write me on the sub-ject. I wish to hear how the business is going on – and if any prospect what it is of getting anything for my lost Negroes  
With Respect I Remain Yours  
Respectfully  
John Tuck[er]

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Maryland, Calvert County – to wit.

Personally appeared Thomas

Tucker before me a justice of the Peace, in & for the County, aforesaid, and made oath on the holy evangelists of almighty God, that he knew Negro Petty formerly the property of John Tucker and that said Negro Petty was the wife of Negro Charles, called “Charles Gray” the property of Isaac Rawlings, which negro Petty went with Charles to the British forces in the late war – that Petty was when she went away about 21 or 22 Years old – to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn before me this the 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
one thousand eight hundred & twenty-seven –  
Sworn before Young Parran

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Young Parran Gentleman  
before whom the annexed affidavit appears to have been made and  
who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing  
one of the State of Maryland’s Justices of the peace in and for  
Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscri  
=bed my name and affixed the seal of  
Calvert County Court this twenty fourth  
day of November in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and twenty two  
Wm S Morsell Clk of  
Calvt Coty Cot

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John Tucker

agents remarks  
Filed febr 19<sup>th</sup> 1828

Additional testimony & power  
of attorney within

John Tucker appears on the Definitive list as a Claimant for Three negroes – Gideon aged 17. Petty aged 20 & Mary Ann aged 2 years  
By the depositions of John Dowell – Benj Tucker & Susanna Davis the Claimant proves the loss of the Three negroes named above, in July 1814, under circumstances that induced a belief that they were taken away by the British, then lying in the Patuxent River about three miles from the house of the claimant –  
By the depositions of Samuel Parran, he further proves, that the [illegible] was a prisoner on Board one of the British fleet in the summer of the year 1814 & that while a prisoner he saw negro Gideon the property of the Claimant in the possession of the British, & left him with them, when, he (deponent was released –  
The Claimant has put in the deposition of Thomas Tucker to prove the said negro was known by the name of Gideon Brook – but he is unable to furnish any proof, as to the time, when he was removed from the U States, neither do the British Lists furnish any trace of him – no negro named Gideon appears on the lists on either of them – the negro is proved to have been in their possession – it is known to have been the practice to enter the names of the negroes when recieved [sic] Ed on Board, & to note their transfer or discharge – it is to be presumed that Gideon, when recieved [sic] on Board of the vessel, in which the deponent recognised [sic] him, was entered upon her Books – those books should have been produced according to the stipulations contained in the treaty – they have not been produced - & it is as fair to presume in the absence of proof to the contrary, that he remained within the limits of the United States until after the 27 Feb 1815 as that he was carried away before that time –  
It is proved by Two other depositions of Thomas Tucker, filed in this case, that negro Petty was the wife of a negro called “Charles Gray” that she was generally known by the name of “Petty Gray” that she had

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a child named Mary: that Petty & her child were taken & carried away by the British whilst in the river Patuxent during the last war – in one of the depositions Mr T Tucker says that “negro Petty went with Charles to the British forces in the late war” The Board is respectfully referred to the evidence filed in the case of Isaac Rawlings & a Maryland claimant for proof that negro Charles Gray the husband of Petty absconded from his owner & eloped with his wife & child to the British in the summer of the year 1814

The claimant is without other proof as to the time when Petty & her child were removed from the U States, than that which is furnished by the Halifax List – which purports to be a list of slaves recieved [sic] into the province of Nova Scotia “from the U States of America” after the 27 April 1815 & consequently after the peace – on that list – at page 82 – is a negro called Charles Gray with his wife & one child – the ages of husband & wife corresponding or nearly, as can be expected they should, with the ages of the negroes lost by Mr Rawlings & Mr Tucker –

John Marbury  
agent for the Claimant



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State of Maryland – Calvert County

To wit –

Personally appears Samuel Parran before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the state & for the County above said, & made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that this Deponent was a prisoner on board of a British vessel of war in the summer of the year eighteen hundred & fourteen, having been taken by the British & carried on board (of a British vessel of war) from the shore of the Patuxent River, or contiguous thereto - & that while so a prisoner this Deponent saw negro Gidion [sic] the slave for life of Mr Jno Tucker of the state & County aforesaid – in the possession of the British – with whom this Deponent left the said Gidion [sic] when released – This Deponent believes the said Gidion [sic] to have been sound & healthy, between sixteen and eighteen years of age, & worth about five hundred dollars, a the time aforesaid – sworn to on this 8<sup>th</sup> --- day of June – in the year eighteen hundred and twenty one – Sworne [sic] Before James Wilson

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Calvert County – State of Maryland –  
I hereby certify that James  
Wilson Gentleman before the within  
Deposition was taken, was at the  
time of so doing a Justice of the Peace  
for the County & State aforesaid duly  
Commissioned & sworn.  
In testimony whereof I hereto  
subscribe my name & affix  
the seal of Calvert County  
Court –  
Wm S Morsell Clk of Calvt  
County Court

Slaves                      Dep.

In John Tucker's of 26 June 1821.

Tucker, John – St. Leonard's Calvert Co, Md

Slave Gideon – 16 to 18 - \$500

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John Tucker – John Dowell – Benj Tucker – Susanna Davis  
of Calvert County, Maryland – 13 April 1821  
Loss of Negroes by the British Enemy

St. Leonard April 30<sup>th</sup>                      Free  
Hno'b  
John Q. Adams  
Secretary of State  
Washington  
D.C.

Slaves                      Dep.

Tucker, John – Calvert Co. Md  
28 April 1821  
Recd 7 May “

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3 slaves – value \$1050 – two depts  
1. John Tucker – 2. John Dowell,  
Benj. Tucker & Susanna Davis –  
believed taken by Br. (fleet then  
in the Patuxent) –

A Statement of Negroes lost by me the subscriber which  
were taken by the british enemy while laying in the Patuxant [sic]  
River viz –

names -	Sex -	age -	value
Gideon	male -	17 -	\$500.00
Pete -	Female -	20 -	400.00
Mary Ann -	“ “ -	2 -	<u>150.00</u>
			\$1050.00

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –  
On this Twenty eight day of April in the year of Lord  
Eighteen hundred and twenty one personally appeared  
John Tucker before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and  
for Calvert County, and made oath on the holy Evangely  
of Almighty God that some time in the month of July  
Eighteen hundred and fourteen while the British fleet  
layed [sic] in the Patuxant [sic] River about three miles from  
his house he lost the above mentioned negroes, of the  
names sexes, and about their value at the time taken  
Sworn before Young Parran

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –  
On this Twenty eight day of April in the year of our lord  
eighteen hundred and twenty one personally appeared before  
me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Calvert County John  
Dowell Benjamin Tucker and Susanna Davis and made  
oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that sometime  
in the month of July eighteen hundred and fourteen John  
Tucker lost three negroes Gideon Pet & Mary Ann which they  
verily believe were taken by the British enemy, as their  
fleet were at that time laying in the Patuxant [sic] River about three  
miles from said John Tuckers house  
Sworn before Young Parran