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Rebecca Hellen

The award was written
on the back of the power
of atty & is filed in the
Treasury –

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
Be it remembered that on this Twenty third day of February 1828 personally appears John Gross before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and makes oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that he was present with several others; saw and heard, read a letter that duly came from Halifax to old Bob, it was from his son Bob the [illegible] Mrs. Rebecca Hellen Executrix of Thomas Hellen he stated, in the aforesaid letter that he was then living in Halifax where he was taken to after the [illegible] of the treaty of Ghent and this deponant [sic] further saitheth [sic] that it was some time in the latter part of 1825, or the first of 1826, that he saw & heard the letter read – and further this deponant [sic] saitheth [sic] not.
Sworn before Aquilla G. Bowen

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
Be it remembered that on this thirtieth day of January eighteen hundred and twenty eight personally appeared Benjamin Parran before me the ~~the~~ Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and makes oath on the holy evangely of almighty God that some time in the month of July or August in the year of eighteen hundred & fourteen on the same evening that a parcel of Mrs. Jane Parran's negroes went on board of the British ship then lying at anchor in the waters of the Patuxent river that Bob the property of Rebecca Hellen Executrix of Tho's Hellen was with the said negroes of Mrs. Jane Parran then within two or three miles of the British ship and this deponant [sic] fully believes that Negro bob about twenty five years of age did go with the negroes of a Mrs. James Parran aforesaid on board of the British ship as he has not been heard of since escape with the British – and further this deponant [sic] saithith [sic] not –
Sworn before
Aquilla G Bowen

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I hereby certify that Aquilla G Bowen Gentleman before whom the within & annexed depositions were made and whose 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 Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn

[illegible]

hereto set my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this

26th [illegible]

Wm S Morsell Clk

Calv't Co'ty Co't

Tho. J. Hellen [illegible]

of Rebecca Hellen

further proof

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State of Maryland Calvert County Sc.
Personally appeared before me the Subscriber
a Justice of the peace for the County & State
aforesaid Cap'n Wm Stallings and makes oath
on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that
a letter dated in Halifax from Bob Common
the slave of Rebecca Hellen deceased
to his Father was brought to him sometime
in the year 1824 to be read – that he
did read it – and that the said Bob
requested his Father who belonged to
Samuel Turner to send his child
to him and that he would pay the
passage, that at that time a child
reputed to be his who was free lived with his father
~~who was free~~ – that after reading the
letter he returned it – that the Father
of Bob is now dead, and that he
hath not since seen the letter –
Sworn before Hezekiah Coberth
24th March, 1828

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc
Personally appeared before me the Subscriber
a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid
Samuel Turner and makes oath on the Holy Evangely
of Almighty God that Negro Bob the Father of Bob
Common is dead, ~~and~~ that he died some years
since – that Tho's J. Hellen has made enquiry among
the negroes of this deponent for the letter deposed
to by Capt M. Stallings without being able to obtain
it.
Sworn before
Hezekiah Coberth
24 March, 1828

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Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Hezekiah Coberth Gentleman
before whom the within depositions were made and whose name
is thereto subscribed was at the time of doing one of the State
of Marylands Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County
aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert
County Court this twenty sixth day of March

Anno Domini 1828

William S Morsell Clk

of Calv't Co'ty Co't

Rebecca Hellen

Tho. J. Hellen

further proof respect

ing the letter rec'd from

one of the negroes –

add'l Evidence filed }

March 28th 1828 }

[illegible] Docket

Mar 28th

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Negro Bob a Male aged 22 yrs } \$500.00
belonging to Wm R Hellen ---- }

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc
Personally appeared before me the
Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for
the County aforesaid William Dawkins and Benj'n Parran
and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty
God that they knew Negro man Bob aged about
twenty two years, that he was the property of Mrs
Rebecca Hellen of Calvert County. That he abscon-
-ded some time in the months of June or July 18184 at
the same time and on the same night that
the Negroes belonging to Mrs. Jane Parran went
off and ~~who~~ a part of whom were seen with
the British that at the time he went off ~~the~~ a
part of the Fleet were in ~~sight~~ view of his
Mistress's house on the Patuxent, that he has
never been seen or heard of since and that
we have every reason to believe that he
went on board the Fleet, that the said
Negro Man was stout & healthy and worth
[illegible] the time of going off Five hundred Dollars
Sworn to before
Wm C Dawkins
May 26th 1821

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On this 23rd Fby 1828
personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice
of the peace for the County & State aforesaid, Daniel
Thell [?] and maked [sic] oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty
God that negro Bob the slave of Rebecca Hellen Executrix
of Thos Hellen, eloped & went of [sic] with the Brieitish some
time in the months of July or August in the year eighteen
hundred & fourteen and from thence he has never returned
further this deponant [sic] saitheth [sic] not.
Sworn before
Tho's B King

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To this was attached the
Power of Attorney on the
back of which is written
the award
Jms Marbury
agent & attorney

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11 April 1828

Received affidavit of Wm Stallings, stating the whole contents
of the letter & particularly whether it stated ~~when~~ any [illegible] at what
time Bob left the U: States –

Also ~~who~~ the character of John Gross & Wm Stallings –
who was present when Gross heard the letter read & where
was it?