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Samuel Turner appears on the Definitive list at page 33. as a

Claimant for Two negroes – Stephen & Ben –

As regards Stephen – he proves by Mrs Ann Sollers that she saw Stephen at her house in the month of February 1815 in company with a party of British Sailors & Soldiers & that he (Stephen) went off to the British in the early part of the same month – The Board is respectfully referred to Bayleys list, page 107 of the printed copy – This negro is there reported, under the name of Stephen John, the property of Saul Turner Calvert County Maryland, as on Board the ship Orlando & within the waters of the U States on the 17 Feb: 1815:

As regards – Ben – The Claimant proves by Mrs Sarah Dawkins that she saw negro Ben the property of John Turner, the Claimant, Testator, at her husbands house, in company with a party of British sailors or soldiers in July 1814 – And by William Dawkins, that he saw Ben – otherwise called “Ben Cully” the slave of Jno Turner deceased on shore in company with British troops on a plundering expedition – that he followed them to the water, and there saw Ben Cully “where the barges lay” that he has never seen him since, & he believes he went off with the Enemy, he further proves that Ben was universally known by the name of Ben Cully -

The agent respectfully refers to the Colonial marine list at page 21 – where will be found a negro called Benjamin Cully – He is no doubt the same negro who eloped from Mr Turner –

John Marbury
agent

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In compliance with your letter to his Excellency
the Gov. of Maryland I herewith transmit to your
Department a list of Negroes belonging to me who
have went on board the British whilst in the waters
of the Patuxent – in July 1814 & Feby 1815
Saml Turner –

Ben aged 21 yr Male. Went off in July 1814	- 500.00
Stephen aged 22 yr Male went off in Jany 1815	}
This Fellow I am confident is on the list returned by	}
J.J. Skinner Esq. to the Department of State of Slaves at	} 500.00
That time on board the Fleet in the Chesapeake	}
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	<u>\$1000.00</u>

I cannot obtain positive proof that but one
of my Negroes was in the waters of the United States
at the ratification of the Treaty – the Fleet that the
first one Ben went on board off [sic] was to the Southward
- Stephen I am confident was on board at the time Mr
Skinner visited the Fleet to take a list of Negroes – I can
if it should be thought requisite obtain additional
eertif proof as to both being with the British if it
should become necessary – if any additional testimony
as to the qualification of the Majistrate [sic] should become
necessary – it shall be furnished on the shortest
notice- . Should the proof not be as full as you
may deem requisite to the establishment of its
claims – my directions which you might think proper
to give would be duly appreciated by the suffering
individuals –

I am Dr Sir
Yrs Very Respectfully
S. Turner

State of {illegible}
[illegible] Clk of Calvert
County Court

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Personally appeared before me the Subscriber
a Justice of the peace in and for Calvert County
Ann Sollers and made oath on the Holy Evangely
of Almighty God that she saw Negro Stephen
the property of Samuel Turner at her House
some time in the month of ~~January~~ February Eighteen
hundred and fifteen in company with a British
officer and a party of British Sailors or Soldiers
= that said Stephen went off to the British in
the early part of ~~January~~ February Eighteen hundred and
fifteen – that he to appearance was not more
than 22 or 3 years of age a very large & healthy
young man –
Sworn to before Young Parran
27th April 1821

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc
I Hereby certify that Young Parrann [sic]
Gentleman before whom the annexed 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 ~~County~~ 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 my office this seventeenth day of May
in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
and twenty one.
Wm S Morsell Clk of Calvert County
Court

Calv't County State of Maryland Sc

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in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
and twenty one.

Wm S Morsell Clk of Calvert County
Court

Calvt County State of Maryland Sc
Personally appeared before me the Subscribe[r]
a Justice of the peace in and for Calvert County
Sarah Dawkins and made oath on the Holy
Evangelical of Almighty God, that some time in the
Month of July Eighteen hundred and fourteen she
saw Negro Man Ben the property of Mr John
Turner who is since dead at the House of her Husband William
Dawkins in company with two British officers ~~that~~
~~The~~ and a parcel of Soldiers or Sailors, that said
Ben appeared to be about twenty or twenty two
years of age, healthy and a likely fellow.
Sworn to & before me this 28th April 1821
Wm C Dawkins

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc.
I Hereby certify that William C
Dawkins Gentleman before whom the annexed deposition 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 subscribed
my name and affixed the seal of my office
this sixteenth day of May in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty one - ..
William S Morsell Clk of Calvert
County Court

~~Certif.~~ proof
Should become
as to the qualific

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St Leonards Calvert County 1st Sept 1823

Honbl'd John Quincy Adams

Sir –

In conformity to a
proclamation issued by the Department of State
requesting all persons who had lost Slaves during
the last war to forward on a List with the
necessary Testimony we transmitted to the Depart
=ment thro the Post Office a list of the number
lost by us with such Testimony as we could
at that time collect – we feel a desire to
know if our letters ever reached the Department
any information from you will be thankfully
received by Sir

Yrs &e &e

Samuel Turner

James J Bourne

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State of Maryland Calvert County Sc
On this eleventh day of February Eighteen hundred
and twenty eight personally appeared before
me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace
of the State of Maryland in and for Calvert
County William Dawkins and makes
Oath on the Holy evangely of Almighty God
that some time in the summer of Eighteen
hundred and fourteen he saw Ben otherwise
called Ben Cully the slave of a certain
John Turner since dead with a party of
British Troops in search of Tob'o – that ~~after~~
after finding the Tob'o the cart & oxen of this
Deponents mother was taken by the enemy
to carry it to the water – that he
went down to the water with them the English
that he saw Ben Cully with them ~~and~~
~~ha~~ at the water where the Barges lay
that he has never seen him since that
time and verily believes he went off
with them – he further deposes that
he was well known by the name of
Ben Cully in the Neighbourhood as
any person living in it from the cir
cumstance of being a Mulatto
Sworn before
Hezekiah Coberth