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Prince Frederick Dec. 24t. 1827

Sir

Yours of the 1^t just came to hand apprizing [sic] me that the Commissioners had given an award in the case of my negro Richard & that you w^d remit the amt. of money whenever I w^d direct the manner of doing it – Herewith you'll receive a power of attorney to act in the case of Edw^d Gantt – By reference to the testimony in that case you will find that the aforesaid n^g of mine & Harry alias Henry Gantt deserted the same day & went on board of the Enemy together & both of them it appears assumed the name of Gantt as you will find Henry Gantt on the Bayley's list on page III & the only two negroes of that name given in by the British – There is another negro man by the name of Basil of Edw^d Gantts whose name can not find on the British list as well as [illegible] man Bob or Robert – of those two negroes I can not procure any testimony, as yet – nay, I have none extra to offer in the case of Harry alias Henry Gantt, only, from the circumstance of their being fellow servants, deserting, together & assuming the same name to wit Gantt- & by reference to M. Reynold's testimony (if I mistake not) that they came on board of the Enemy together whilst he was A prisoner on board – I contend that the Henry Gantt on page III is the Harry alias Henry Gantt which I claim as trustee for Edward Gantt – which case you will please lay before the board & let me hear the result – I shall given an order in a few days for the amt. of award for N's. & sh^d I be able o get any information in relation to Basil I will enclose it to you -

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[illegible] of Maryland }
Calvert County }

On this 13th day of May 1823
Joseph W. Reynolds
personally appears before me the subscriber
a justice of the peace for Calvert County and
makes oath on the Holy evangely of Almighty
God that in June 1814 he was taken as
a prisoner by the British at the town of
Lower Marlbro [sic] and was carried down
the river patuxent and confined as a
prisoner on board of their frigate Loire
Capt Tho's Brown that whilst on board
of said ship he saw two negro youths
the property of the Gantt Heirs of the Rev'd Edward
Gantt late of Calvert County come on board they appeared
to be about 18 years of age one of them
informed me that he belonged to Dr. Tho's
C Gantt I do not recollect which of the
heirs of the said Edward Gantt dec'd that
the other said he belonged to this was
in June 1814 and a few days after they had
been received on board of said ship I saw
them dressed in the uniform of marines –

Sworn Before
G. W. Wilkinson

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Lo. Marlbro [sic] Md
May 15 10
D. John H. Beall
Washington City

Mail }
Jo's Wm Reynolds }
For }
Tho's C. Gantt } Aff'd
Maryland } 13th May 1823

Calvert County May 14. 1823

D'r Sir
You will receive W. Reynolds Deposition
which you will deliver Maj. Selden –
One of the negroes within mentioned was my property
viz negro Dick alias R't Gantt as on the list of the commissioners
& the other was Edward Gantts by the name of Harry
(See the testimony) –

Respectfully
T.C. Gantt

[illegible] Edw'd dec'd by }
Tho. C. his Exec't } Calvert Co. Md
Deposited by
[illegible] – 9 July 1823.

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[illegible] of negroes the property of Edward Gantt viz:
negro man Basil aged – 26 years worth \$500
negro boy Harry aged – 16 years worth \$400
The above mentioned negroes absconded to the Brittish [sic]
in the year 1814 viz: Harry on the 16t June and
Basil in the month of July in the year 1814 -
v

State of Maryland
Calvert County Sc.

On this second day of May 1823 appeared
Alexander Dawkins before me William C. Dawkins a Justice
of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the
Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he hired negro man Basil
above stated of Tho's C. Gantts & that he deserted to the
Brittish [sic] in the month of July 1814 – And this deponant [sic]
further says that he understood and believes it to be a fact
notorious that negro Basil a short time after he left his
service landed with the Enemy on the Chesapeake Bay at Ben-
-jamin Hance Mackalls and took off his wife with him
it being a few days before they (the Enemy) landed and
took off the greater part of said Mackalls negroes –

~~Sworn before~~
Sworn before
Wm C. Dawkins

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On this 28th day of April 1823 appeared Benj'm Mackall and John Wood of [illegible] before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, who having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposes and says that they well knew a negro man, Basil, aged 26 years and a negro boy Harry aged about 16 years, in the year 1814, the property of Edward Gantt, an Idiot, and who were in the hands of Tho's. C. Gantt, his trustee, at or about the time they went off with the British troops and that in the their judgments the said Basil would at that time have sold for Five Hundred Dollars and said Harry would have sold for Four Hundred Dollars, money of the United States.
Sworn before
Basil Simmons

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Gantt, Tho. C for self & as Trustee of } Calvert Co. Md
Gantt, Edw'd (idiot) }
deposited by
Selden, Casy - 9 July 1823

E.G. Slave Basil – 26 - \$500
Harry – 16 – 400

~~T.E.G. Slave Dick – 19 – 500~~

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See the slave Harry
as Harry Gantt on Bay
leys list – P. III by G. Wil-
kinson's testimony these
slaves appear to have been
enlisted as marines.

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Claim of Edward Gantt
by Th. C. Gantt his trust-
ee (E.G. being an idiot)
Submitted by D. A. Hall
Agent.

May 20th 1828 – allow'd for
one slave remainder of his claim taken
from [illegible] @ \$280
Interest reserved
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Allowed for one slave
(Harry) taken from
Maryland..... 280
Int. & remainder of the
claim reserved.
9th Jan: 1828

Taking of Basil proved.