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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Williams C. Dawkins  
and Young Parran Gentlemen before whom the within depositions  
were made and taken and who have thereto subscribed their  
names were at the time of so doing two 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May  
Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and  
twenty one.

Wm. S. Morsell Clk of  
Calv't County Court

Slaves	Dep.
Coberth, Hezekiah – Calvert Co. Md	
27 April 1821	
rec? 27 May “	

5 Slaves – 2 deps - \$1450 – (list within)  
Lettic & Power  
to D.A. Hall

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Recd 27 May

Negro man Hoppal about 30 years of eage [sic]	\$500.00
Negro Boy David - about 12 years of eage [sic]	300.00
Negro woman Jann about 30 year of eage [sic]	300.00
Negro Girl Rosesitty about 10 years of eage [sic]	200.00
Negro Girl Betty about 8 years of eage [sic]	<u>150.00</u>
	\$1450.00

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1821

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
There came before me a Justice of the peace for the  
County aforesaid Hezekiah Coberth [sic] and makes oath on  
The Holy Evanglest [sic] of Almighty God that the above named  
Negros [sic] was his lawfull [sic] property and that They left him  
in the year of our lord one Thousand Eigh [sic] Hundred and foreteen [sic]  
about the month of August - and while the British Squadron  
were in the waters of the patuxent and that he heard of  
Them being with the British –

Sworn before  
Wm C Dawkins

State of Maryland Calvert County 27<sup>th</sup> April 1821  
Then Came Ann Sollers before me a Justice of the  
peace in and for Calvert County and made oath on the holy  
evangelist [sic] of Almighty God that some time in the summer  
Eighteen Hundred and Fourteen she saw negro Hopewell the  
property of Hezekiah Coburth [sic] at her house with a party of the  
British enemy

Sworn before                      Young Parran

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Personally appeared before me the Subscriber  
a Justice of the peace for the County & State af  
aforesaid Nathaniel D Sollers and makes  
oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God  
that he saw Hopewell whom he always  
understood belonged to Hezekia [sic] Cobreth [sic]  
in company with a party of British  
Soldiers some time in the year 1814  
and that the said Hopewell was  
armed with a muskett [sic] – that at the  
time he saw him he was in company  
with Jacob Goales at Mrs Ann Sollers  
and aided the said Jacob in carrying  
one of the children to the water –

Sworn before – Young Parran  
24 March 1828

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Young Parran  
Gentleman before whom the above deposition  
was made and taken and who has 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  
[illegible] my name and affixed the seal of Calvert  
[illegible] twenty sixth day of March in the year of  
[illegible] thousand eight hundred and twenty eight  
William S. Morsell Clk of Calv't  
County Court

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Add'l Evidence

filed May 1<sup>st</sup> – 1828

To be filed in the

claim of H. Colberth.

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To be filed in the  
claim of H. Colberth.

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May in the year of our lord 1828 personally appeared Mrs. Ann Sollers before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid, and after being duly sworn [sic] on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposeth and sayeth, that in the year 1814, and while the British fleet was lying in the waters of the Patuxent river that Hezekiah Coberth [sic] had four negroes living with me, viz, Jane Armstrong David ditto Jun'r, Rosetta Do and Betty Do the three last mentioned negroes were the children of the above named Jane Armstrong, and that my man David Armstrong Sn'r claimed the aforesaid Jane Armstrong the property of H. Coberth [sic] for his wife, and the aforesaid David Armstrong Jun'r Rosetta Armstrong and Betty Do, as his children and that they absented themselves from my house and the British fleet then lying in the patuxent river. I supposed they were gone to them, I went

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to Drum Point to try to recover my negro man David Armstrong the husband of the ~~above~~ aforesaid Jane Armstrong the property of H. Coberth and also Rosetta Goalles and Hammon Goalles the last three viz. David Armstrong Sn'r Rosetta Goalles and Hammon Do – was my property and the four first mentioned viz – Jane Armstrong David Do Rosetta Do and Betty Do – was the property of H. Coberth – and the British officer meet me and asked me what I wanted and I told him that I wanted satisfaction for my eyes he then asked me what I had lost, I told him I would begin with my negroes first he then asked me their names, I told him their names – which was David Armstrong, Rosetta Goalles and Hammon Goalles he then took a list and read their names to me, and also called over the names of H. Coberths four negroes on the same list viz- Jane Armstrong David Armstrong Jun'r Rosetta Armstrong and Betty Armstrong and that she saw the above named negroes in their possession and under guard and that she hath never seen them since; and a few Days after a Negro man by the name of Hopewell sometimes called himself hopwell Bourne the property of H. Coberth came with a party of the British to my house and bors e of [ic] a Negro child and further this Deponand [sic] sayeth not –

Sworn before  
James Wilson

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I hereby certify that the aforesaid Mrs. Ann Sollers is a Lady of high standing in society and whose veracity was never Doubted by any who knew her –

James Wilson

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I Hereby certify that James Wilson Gentleman before whom the foregoing deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace of the said State [illegible] County aforesaid duly commissioned and Sworn.

**Claim of Hezekiah Colberth, Calvert County, Case No. 710, Case Files. Ca. 1814-28, entry 190, Record Group 76, National Archives, College Park. MSA SC 5496-050692**

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In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this fifth day of  
May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty eight  
William S Morsell Clk of Calv't Cty Ct

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To be filed in the  
Claim of H. Colberth

District of Columbia        }  
County of Washington        }        To Wit.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> May 1828, came before me Hezekiah Colberth and made oath in due form of law that his slaves who are called in the annexed deposition of Mrs. Ann Sollers, by the names of Jane Armstrong, David ditto Sr had at the time they were taken by the British, been his property about two years & were descended from slaves who belonged to the family of Col. Chew, and that he this deponent, had supposed that his slaves went by that name, as some others of the same family of slaves did, until he was otherwise informed by Mrs. Sollers, and that he still thinks that the said Jane before her marriage with negro Armstrong, called herself by the name of Chew.

Sworn before me, the subscriber a  
justice of the peace, for the said  
County this 6<sup>th</sup> May 1828.  
D.A. Hall J.P.



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H. Colberth of Ma-  
ryland.

D.A. Hall agt.

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May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1828 allow'd –  
for five slaves from  
Maryland \$280 each  
\$1400 Int. reserved

28 Mar: 1828

Taking of Hopewell proved.

Further proof