

Claim of Isaac Rawlings, Jr.

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State of Maryland June 28th 1821
Calvert County to wit

Then came Bennett Sollers and John Tucker before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that a negroe man Charles the property of Isaac Rawlings Jun'r made his escape some time in the year 1814 and we believe did go on Board of the British fleet then lying in the Patuxent River and we further swear that the said negroe was worth about \$500 - at that time and aged from twenty to twenty five and further swear that Isaac Rawlings Jun'r Esq'r was at that time out of the state of Maryland and in the service of the united states
Sworn before
James Wilson

At the same time appear'd Dr Isaac Rawlings & swears that negroe man Charles the property of Isaac Rawlings Jun'r was intrusted [sic] to his care by his master & that said negroe did leave his service & went on Board the British fleet in the month of July 1814 & further swears that sd negroe was aged about twenty four years old and worth \$500 at the time he absconded [sic]
Sworn before
James Wilson

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Slaves

Rawlings, Isaac { formerly Calvert Co. Md
 {Memphis, Shelby Co. Ten.

 20 May 1821
rec'd 17 June “

1 Slave – claim will be forward by a

friend –

Chickasaw Bluffs }
Memphis 24th May 1821 }

Hon: John Quincy Adams
Secretary of State
Washington City
mail.

Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee
May 20th 1821

Recd 18 June.

Sir:

During the late war I lost a valuable young negro man, by reason as I have understood of his going to the British Army, which lay that the time of his elopement in the waters of the Chesapeake. A piece upon the subject of slaves taken by the British Army, I am informed has been addressed to the people of Maryland; and I presume from your department. Being myself a native of Calvert County, Maryland, the information, has been communicated to me, to the end that I might avail myself of it, and forward to your department the necessary statement, of, the loss of the above mentioned negro in manner aforesaid, his age, value, sc; but being at the time of his escape in the Indian Country, in the Service of the Government as Indian Factor, I feel myself unable to make the specifications probably re-quired by your department. I have therefore, Sir, desired a friend of mine to make to your department a statement in this

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case, conformably to the requisitions of the address above alluded to, and if my loss shall be found to come within the provisions of the Treaty made at Ghent, and a decision be made favorably thereof, I shall be extremely glad it could command attention.

With high respect

I have the honor to be, Sir, Sc

Isaac Rawlings, Jun'r

Hon: John Quincy Adams

Secretary of State

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St Leonards June 30 1821

Hon'ble John Q. Adams

Sir

Mr. Isaac Rawlings Jun'r, has requested of me to make a return of a negro man he lost by the British - at the time the man went off, Mr. Rawlings was in the public service, and is still absent from the state - and he had entrusted the man to my care and management, which caused him to make the request: Inclosed [sic] are the depositions, of Mr's Tucker and Sollers, both men of character & standing in life, to prove the loss and worth of the man, as to getting proof of his being within the waters of the U. States at the time the Treaty was ratified, amounts to an impossibility, as we had no intercourse with the Enemy neither before nor after the ratification of the Treaty of Ghent.

I am yr obdt Humble Serv't

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Maryland, Calvert County – to wit
Personally appeared Rebecca Raw-
-lings before me a justice of the Peace, in & for the county
aforesaid, & made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty
God, that she knew negro Monday formerly the property of
Miss Sarah Rawlings (now Mrs. Sedwick, wife of Joshua Sedwick)
and that said Negro Monday, called himself, & went by the
name of “Monday Golder or Golden” – that she knew Negro
Charles, formerly the property of Isaac Rawlings Jr and that Said
Negro Charles called himself, & went by the name of “Charles Gray”
both of which negroes went away at the time of the late war
that Monday was thirty odd years old when he went
off & Charles twenty – odd – Sworn before me this
the 22nd November, one thousand eight hundred & twenty Seven.
Joshua Sedwick

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc
I hereby certify that Joshua Sedwick Gentleman before whom
the above affidavit appears to have been made and who has thereto subs-
=cribed his name was at the time of so doing one of the State of Marylands
Justices of the peace duly commissioned and sworn
In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my
name and affixed the seal of Calvert County
Court this twenty fourth day November in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
twenty Seven
Wm S Morsell Clk of
Calv't Cot'y Co't

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Agents remarks –

Isaac Rawlings Jr. formerly of Calvert County Maryland appears on the Definitive list as a claimant for a negro lost during the late war viz Charles aged 24 –

The depositions of Bennet Sollers John Tucker & Doc Isaac Rawlings prove the property of the claimant in the negro Charles – that he absconded from the service of Doc Rawlings with whom is master had entrusted him and went on Board the British fleet in the month of July in the year 1814 – The agent now files the deposition of Rebecca Rawlings by which it is proved that said Charles was called & known by the name of “Charles Gray” and that he was Twenty odd years of age –

It appears by the Deposition of Thomas Tucker, filed in the case of John Tucker a Maryland claimant residing on the border of Calvert County (a copy of wh: is filed in this case) that a negro woman named Petty the property of John Tucker was the wife of Charles Gray, that Petty went with Charles to the British forces during the late war, & that she was aged 21 or 22 – By another deposition (a copy of which is here filed) of Thomas Tucker filed in the same case of John Tucker, it appears that Petty carried with her, when she eloped a child named Mary – (the agent respectfully refers to the testimony filed in the case of Jn Tucker) The claimant is without other proof as to the time Charles Gray was taken from the waters of the U States than that which is furnished by the Halifax list of slaves, recieved [sic] from the U States after the 24 April 1815 – on that list is a negro called Charles Gray, with his wife, and one child, their ages corresponding as nearly as could be respected with the ages of Mr Rawlings & Mr Tuckers negroes See page 82 of the printed lists –

John Marbury
Agent for I Rawlings, Jr.