

**Claim of James M. Taylor**  
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State of Maryland, Calvert County To Wit:  
On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred and twenty three personally  
appeared Doctr James M. Taylor before me  
the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for  
the county afsd and made oath on the holy  
Evangely of almighty God that he possessed  
a negro by the name of Ned which left  
him in the spring or summer of the year  
eighteen hundred and fourteen. That at the time  
of said negroes leaving him, he resided at the  
distance of about one and a half mile  
from the river Patuxent, and that a part  
of the British fleet were at the time lying  
in that river nearly oposite [sic] him. That  
he firmly believes he went to the British  
as he never left his employ before. That  
he was about twenty three years of age, stout  
strong and healthy; very good conditioned and  
highly valuable as a plantation negro  
That he has ever seen said negro since  
Sworn before  
James Dixon

At the same time also appeared John  
Mackall aged about 55 years a near –  
neighbor to James M. Taylor who makes  
oath to the truth of the above affidivit [sic]  
and that he believes said negro Ned was  
worth at the time of leaving his owner  
five hundred dollars  
Sworn before  
James Dixon

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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc  
I hereby certify that James Dixon Gentleman  
before whom the within 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 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 first day of September  
In the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and twenty three:  
William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

Taylor, Dr. James M. – Calvert Co. Md

Slave Ned – 23 - \$500

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Slaves.            Dep.

Taylor, James M. – Calvert Co. Md.

17 May 1821

Recd – 26 “ “

Two Depns – 1 slave, Ned, 23 y. \$500

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A negro Slave the property of James M  
Taylor viz. –

Ned 23 years old valued at \$500 =  
State of Maryland Sct.

On this fourteenth day of May in the year of  
Our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and Twenty One,  
personally appears James M. Taylor before me a  
Justice of the peace, in, and for Calvert County  
and makes oath on the holy evangely of alm[illegible]  
=ty God; that the above named slave was his  
his property: And that he left him some time  
in the month of July in the year Eighteen  
Hundred and fourteen: That he was at that  
time residing on his own Land, on the  
North side of St Leonards Creek; about One  
mile and a half from the Patuxent River:  
That some British vessels of War were then  
lying in the Patuxent River, nearly opposite  
his house; That it was about the time Slaves  
were going in great numbers to the British;  
and therefore he verily believes his man Ned  
went, or was inticed [sic] onboard the British  
vessels; as he never has seen or heard of  
him since.

Sworn before Wm C Dawkins

**Claim of James Taylor, Calvert County, Case No. ??, Case Files. Ca. 1814-28, entry 190,  
Record Group 76, National Archives, College Park.**

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State of Maryland Sct

On this fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Twenty one, personally appears John Mackall (of Benjamin) and Benjamin H Mackall before me a Justice of the peace, in, and for Calvert County and makes oath on the holy evangely of Almighty God; that James M Taylor did own a young negro man, by the name of Ned, and that he left him about the month of July Eighteen Hundred and Fourteen; that James M. Taylor was at that time residing on St. Leonard Creek, about one mile and a half from the Patuxent River: That there were some British vessels of war lying in the Patuxent River, nearly opposite his house; and that negroes were going in great numbers to the British; and that it is his firm belief that the foresaid Slave went, or was inticed [sic] to them too –  
Sworn before  
Wm C Dawkins

State of Maryland; Calvert County Sc:

I Hereby certify that William C Dawkins Gentleman before whom the foregoing 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 State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned & 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 Eighteen hundred and twenty one.  
William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court