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Dear Sir

Since I wrote you yesterday I have been enabled to procure a deposition which I hope may be sufficient, tho I much apprehend that the commissioners will not revert to the claim having once rejected it. I will still endeavour to get proof of the man's being in Hallifax [sic], sent on from Baltimore next week, but as he is a seaman it is uncertain whether he can now be found

Yrs with Respect

John H. Chew

29th July 1828

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Calvert County to wit

On this 29th day of July 1828 personally appeared [sic] before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Nelly Johnson a colour'd woman & made oath on the Holy Evangely God that she was in company with Harry Quarry, David & General Saunders & a man by the name of Elleck belonging to Wilham Ward, that she heard Harry talking with his sister (since dead) on the subject of going to the British, that she advised him to go that he said he was going that the Boys were waiting for him, that they started together to the Bay on Sunday evening & the next morning they were all missen [sic] from their homes & further this deponent sayeth not

Sworn to before Walter Dorsey

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State of Maryland Calvert County to Wit

On this 12th day July 1828 personally appears Richard Deale before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that negro Harry the property of John H. Chew who absconded to the British in the fall of eighteen hundred and fourteen together with General and David Sanders was called & known by the name of Harry Quarry

Sworn to Before

Rich'd W Hevery

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Calvert County Nov 25th 1822

Dear Sir

In the autumn of eighteen hundred and fourteen I had two negro men who ran off to the British for whom I have hitherto neglected to exhibit any claim. The only proof we have that the negroes who went off at that time were received by the British will be from Mr S. Skinner who happened to be on board of the fleet at the time off Sharps Island & heard them tell to whom they belong'd. A Letter of Mr. Skinner's relative to this business to Mr. Edward Reynolds is now in the Secretary of State's office inclosed [sic] in documents sent on by a Mrs. Martha Wilson who lost a number of negroes at the same time. This letter of Mr. Skinners connected with the circumstance that one of

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to be filed with the Board.

my men & one of Mr. Reynold's who went off at the same time were found as marines on board the British fleet after peace, may perhaps be sufficient evidence. Should you think otherwise if you will please to enclose me a copy of Mr. Skinners letter to refresh his memory he has promised me a deposition of the facts contained in it. You will please to consider yourself as engaged to attend to this business for myself & Mr. T. Reynolds & if you think there is any chance of being remunerated I will send on the proofs as soon as I hear from you

Yrs Respectfully
John H. Chew

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Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of Calvert County State of Maryland John H Chew of the county and State aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that his man Harry who eloped to the British in the fall of eighteen hundred and fourteen together with David and General Saunders was called and known at home by the name of Harry Quarry.

Tho Mitchell

November 26th 1827

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I herby Certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman to whom the above affidavit appears to have been made and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing and still is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commiss-
-oned & Sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert

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March 8th 1823 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the County aforesaid John H. Chew and made oath on the Holy Evangelly [sic] of Almighty God that some time in the autumn of Eighteen hundred and fourteen two men slaves to the said Chew absconded from his service a British squadron at that time lying off Sharps Island in sight from his door. One of the men named Harry aged about forty years the other named David or David Landers aged twenty one

Sworn before
James Hollingshead

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for Calvert County Joseph Blake and Thomas Reynolds of the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelly [sic] of Almighty God that they know the negroes described in the above deposition and that in their estimation Harry at the time of his elopement [illegible word crossed out] would have sold for three hundred dollars and David for five hundred dollars

Sworn before
James Hollingshead
8 of March 1823

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I certify that James Hollingshead Gentleman before whom the within affidavits appear to have been made and whose signature is thereto respectively affixed was at the time of the making and signing the same and still is one of the Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County legally commissioned and Qualified and to all acts of his as such due faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in courts of Justice as thruout [sic]

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office this 12th March anno Dom. 1823.

William S Morsell Clk
Of Calv't County Court

Slaves

Chew, John H. – Calvert Co. Md
Deposited by
Bulfinch, Geo. S – 24 April 1823

Two slaves - \$800
Harry -----40 - \$300
David Landers 21 - 500

The slave Davy Saunders was on board the Orlando see Bailey's List B. The slave Harry is on the Halifax List by the name of Henry Query, of which fact the agent begs permission to furnish evidence whenever the board shall here have determined upon the value of the said list as evidence.

Respectfully
D.A. Hall

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the annexed affidavit appears to have been made and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing and still is one of the State of Marylands Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn
In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty seven
William S. Morsell Clk of
Calvert County Court