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Mrs. Martha Wilson  
of Maryland claims  
14 slaves.  
D.A. Hall agent.

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W. G. D Worthington  
Attorney & Agent  
for Claimant

21<sup>st</sup> July 1828 allow'd for  
Fourteen slaves taken  
from Maryland @ 280  
each, making \$3,920 –  
Int. reserved

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Slaves

Wilson, Mrs. Martha – (Calvert Co. Md)  
Recd. 11 May 1823  
14 Slaves - \$3,072 –

To the Honbl  
John Quincy Adams  
Secretary of State

Recd 11<sup>th</sup> May 1823

To the Honbl  
John Quincy Adams Secretary of State  
Your memorialist Martha Wilson of  
Calvert County of the State of Maryland  
have inclosed [sic] to your honor a Just list  
of her Slaves names ages Sects [sic] and valuation  
all of which is respectfully  
Martha Wilson

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Enclosed are  
Three Depositions to be filed  
in the claim of Martha Wilson  
for Slaves lost in the war with  
the British – The memorial [illegible]  
has been heretofore sent on - by  
Egbert Freeland her Attorney –  
Baltimore 8. July 1823.



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Recd. 25 June

Baltimore City 4 June 1823.

To the Honble

John Quincy Adams, Secretary of State.

The Memorial of Martha Wilson of

Calvert County in the State of Maryland respectfully  
represents.

That on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> Octr 1814 your memorialist  
lost Fourteen Slaves valued at about \$5,000 as will particularly  
appear by the annexed List – which were forcibly and wrongfully  
taken out of the possession of your memorialist by the British  
forces within the United States during the late War – for  
which losses full and ample remuneration is claimed under  
the Treaties and Conventions concluded on such subjects by  
and between the Unites States and Great Britain - -

All which is respectfully submitted.

Martha Wilson

Test

Alexander Coulter Jr.

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[First word omitted] of Slaves, carried away by his Britanic Majesty's forces in the late war against the U. States, belonging to Martha Wilson of Calvert County State of Maryland

Viz -	Man	Sam	age 70 –	}	The whole 14 valued as <u>\$5,000</u>
	Do	Colonel	Do 28 –		
	Woman	Deb	“ 50 –		
	Do	Jenny	“ 28 –		
	Do	Ally	“ 24 –		
	Do	Sillah	“ 23 –		
	Do	Vienna	“ 19 –		
	Boy	Frank	“ 10 –		
	Do	Holsey	“ 7 –		
	Do	Cato	“ 6 –		
	Girl	Sal	“ 4 –		
	Do	Sidney	“ 3 –		
	Do	Milley	“ 2 –		
	“	Margaret	“ 03 Months		

State of Maryland }  
 County of Baltimore Sc }

Be it remembers that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Baltimore County – Martha Wilson who does make oath that the above is a true List of Slaves who absconded from the Dwelling house and Farm of the said Martha Wilson in Calvert County laying on the Chesapeake Bay in the State of Maryland they then being in her possession and were received harboured and carried away by his Brittanick [sic] Majesty's Forces then lying in said Bay - and waging war against the United States in the year 1814 and on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> October in said year – That the said Martha Wilson believes that said Slaves were with the British at the time of the Ratifica=  
 =tion of the Treaty of Peace at Ghent, or at all events, the proceeds of them –  
 Sworn to before  
 Anth'y Mittenberger

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Slaves

Dep.

Wilson, Martha – Calvert Co. Md  
(dated Balt 4 June 1823)

Recd 5 “ “

14 slaves - \$5000

free

The Honble  
John Quincy Adams  
Secty of State  
Washington

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
On this the first day of July 1823 personally  
appeared George Ireland before me the subscri  
-ber a Justice of the peace in and for the  
County aforesaid, and did most solemnly sincea  
-rly [sic] declare and affirm, that sometime in  
the month of November Eighteen hundred  
and fourteen he saw Colonel the property  
of Mrs. Martha Wilson in possession of  
the British Enemy at drum point and  
further this deponent sayeth not –  
Affirmed before  
James Wilson



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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc.

I hereby certify that James Wilson Esquire before whom the  
aforegoing affidavit was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at  
the time of so doing one of the Justices of 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 second  
day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and twenty three:

William S Morsell Clk of Calvert  
County Court

Martha Wilsons  
Claim for Slaves lost –  
Affirmation of G. Ireland –

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June 6<sup>th</sup> 1823

This day appears Samuel Cranford before me a justice of the peace for Calvert County & State of Maryland and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was on the shore of the Chesapeak [sic] bay some time in the fall Eighteen Hundred and fourteen (about October) and that between day light and sun rise he saw a scow laden with Coulored [sic] people put off from the shore nearly opposite Mrs Martha Wilson's and at that time a british vesel [sic] lay there in the bay and after the negroes had arriven [sic] nearly to the vesel [sic] they put out a small boat from the same vesel [sic] and received the negroes and set the scow adrift and the said Cranford further saith that he believes the people were the slaves of the said Mrs. Wilson  
Before Walter Dorsey

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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc:

I hereby certify that Walter Dorsey Esquire  
before whom the within deposition was 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  
twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and twenty three:

William S Morsell Clk of  
Calv't County Court

Martha Wilsons  
Claim for Slaves lost –  
Depn of W. Dorsey

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Slaves

Dept.

Wilson, Mrs. Martha – Calvert Co. Md  
Recd 14 June 1823

14 slaves - \$4,020

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Martha Wilson's  
Claim under the  
St. Petersburg Convention  
for  
14 Slaves, Carried  
off by the British

To be filed with her  
memorial in the Dept.  
of State.

State of Maryland  
Baltimore ~~County~~ City

Be it remembered that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823 personally appears before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of the State aforesaid in and for the ~~County~~ City aforesaid James Hollingshead who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith - That he is about 53 – years of age and was born in Calvert County in the State aforesaid – That he is no way either directly or indirectly to the best of his knowledge and belief interested in any manner in the claim of Martha Wilson exhibited under the Convention of St Petersburg of the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1822 for the value of 14 – Slaves lost by her and said to be carried away by his Brittanic [sic] Majesty's forces during their late war against the United States – That what he knows concerning said Negroes is this to wit – That in the year of 1814 this Deponent was living in Calvert County a neighbour to said Martha Wilson and well acquaint=  
=ted with the 14 slaves who are particularly specified in a List hereunto

**Claim of Martha Wilson, Calvert County, Case No. 786, Case Files. Ca. 1814-28, entry 190,  
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annexed and that he on his oath disinterestedly verily and truly believes the specific valuation opposite the Names, age and Sex of each of Said Slaves to be just and true, and that in the aggregate they were worth as stated in said List – the amount of \$4,020 –  
And Further he deposeth and saith – that he was in Calvert County and knows that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1814 the said 14 Slaves absconded from the farm and possession of the said Martha Wilson the rightfull [sic] owner of them and fled to and were carried away by his Brittanic [sic] Majesty's Forces then and there being and lying

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in the Chesapeake Bay – But it is impossible for this Deponent to say that they were within the Waters of the United States at the Ratification of the Treaty of Peace – But he is certain that ~~with~~ either said slaves or the proceeds of them were then in the possession of the British –  
Further he saith not  
Sworn before  
Anthy Mittenberger, Jus. Peace  
City of Baltimore

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Recd ~~Feb~~ March 1<sup>st</sup> 1828

State of Maryland

City of Baltimore – sct –

Be it remembered that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828, personally appears before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the City aforesaid James Hollingshead and duly makes oath on the Holy Evangely that he was personally acquainted with Martha Wilson of Calvert County in the State of Maryland as also with her slaves carried off by the British as he was in sight when the British boat took off said Slaves during the late war – for the value of which slaves Mrs Wilson has laid in her claim under the Treaty of Ghent – and that he believes the following Slaves named in the Hallifax [sic] list are the slaves of Mrs Wilson, tho' the same were returned in her list without their sir [sic] names, yet they [illegible] the sirnames [sic] to them in the Hallifax [sic] list, while they were in Maryland – viz –

Called in Mrs Wilsons List

Peggy Butler -	age 69 –	Margaret -
Cato Butler -	Do Do –	Cato
Helsey Butler –	Do 70 -	Holsey
Colonel Cooper –	Do 74 -	Colonel
Samuel Flint -	Do 79 –	Sam –

And this Deponent further believes as the Christian names and the Sir [sic] names of Butler and Cooper [illegible] in the Hallifax [sic] list, which names were used by Mrs

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Wilson's slaves before they were carried off, that the whole of her 15 slaves, as the oldest are found in the Halifax [sic], that they are all in said List – but it is difficult to swear positively to the rest as they are known to be in the habit of [illegible] any name they chose & cannot be expected to [illegible] their eyes with any [illegible] accuracy – This Deponent is in no way interested in the return of Mrs Wilsons slaves – further saith not –  
Jam' Pickering

James Hollingshead

State of Maryland

City of Baltimore

Be it remembered that on this twenty eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in and for the City aforesaid, Egbert Freeland, and Chas. R Hardesty, who duly made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they were personally acquainted with Martha Wilson of Calvert County in the State of Maryland as also with Some of her Negroes, beleived [sic] to have been carried off by the British in the late war – for the value of whom she has laid in her claim under the Treaty of Ghent, and that they believes that, Colonel Cooper in page 74 of the Halifax list, called Colonel in Mrs. Wilsons list, also Samuel Flint in page 78 of the Halifax list, called Sam in Mrs Wilson's list, as he always called himself




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Sam Flint, and was 70 odd years old, are the Slaves of Mrs Wilson. The Deponents not able to identify any others on said list, and that they have no interest in the claim of Martha Wilson.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year within written.

R Middleton 

State of Maryland

Baltimore County Sct

I hereby certify that Samuel Pickering and Richard Middleton gentlemen before whom the foregoing depositions were made and who have thereto subscribed their names were at the time of so doing two Justices of the Peace in and for the City of Baltimore duly commissioned and sworn.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this twenty eighth day of February Eighteen hundred & twenty eight.

Wm Gibson Clk Balto

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Recd March  
1<sup>st</sup> 1828

Martha  
Wilson Claimt

[illegible] Ogden  
Secretary to the Board of  
Commissioners under the  
Treaty of Ghent  
Washington

[illegible] of the Honb'e }  
Col. Little            }  
H of Rep                }

Baltimore Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1828

Sir –

When in Washington last Fall  
I had the honor to be introduced to you by a letter  
from my friend D. Watkins; my visit to the city  
was in consequence of being attorney for various claims  
before your Board, which I had prepared previous to &  
had returned on the definitive list from the Dept.  
of State – I wish my name to be entered on your  
Docket for the following claims for slaves, as Attorney,  
Vizt –

Green Jonah            of Maryland -  
Shawn Richard        }  
husband of Mary Shawn } Do.  
widower & admin of   }  
Bernard Todd -        }

Sampson Eliz W Ex of } Do  
Jonah W Heath decd.   }

Wilson Martha -        Do

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For Property other than Slaves –

Vizt –

Armstrong George -

Maryland –

Esten [illegible] -

Do.

Hodges & Lansdale -

Do

Mrs Wilson & Sons for salves [sic] }

Do

& Hodges & Lansdale - }

Green Jonas -

Do -

You will much oblige me if it be customary at your  
Board to inform me by mail, whether or not there

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Claims have been acted upon by the Commissioners - or when, by the rule of the Board, they will be called up – The proof in all, I believe, is full, as to the British taking away or destroying, but no proof can be procured that they were within the waters of the U. States on the ratification of the Treaty of Peace in February 1815 – If further proof be admissible Please file, with Martha Wilsons papers, the enclosed affidavits.

Should you be able to give me any further information on these claims you will much oblige [sic] me – I wrote to Col. Ashton about them, wishing him to attend for me in my absence – not hearing from him, I suppose either he is out of Town on my [illegible] -  
Yours respectfully  
W. G. D. Worthington

Col Ogden

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State of Maryland Calvert County To Wit

On this the twentieth day of June Eighteen Hundred and Twenty there before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the Sate aforesaid in and for the County aforesaid personally appears Abraham Low aged about thirty six Years and makes Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that on Monday Morning before Sun Rise on the Twenty fourth day of October Eighteen Hundred and Fourteen when the British Ships of War were Laying off Sharps Islands in the Chesapeake Bay he Saw a Scow Loaded with Negros which he believes to have been the Slaves of Martha Willson [sic] and other persons making off from the Shore of Said Martha Willson's [sic] Landing to a Ship of War and when the Scow came a little to the Lea [sic] of the Ship the Ship [illegible words crossed out] put out a Boat and took the people out of the Scow and Set the Scow adrift and carried the people on Board the Ship –  
Sworn before  
Arthur Harris.

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc:

I hereby certify that Arthur Harris Esquire before whom the foregoing deposition was 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 twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty three.

William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvt County Court

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List annexed to the Deposition of James Hollingshead –  
of 14 Slaves belong to Martha Wilson and carried away by  
the British in the late War.

	Sex	Value	Age
Sam	Man	\$ 20	70 years
Col'l	"	600	28 "
Deb	Woman		50 "
Jenny	"	400	26 "
Ally	"	400	24 "
Sillah	"	400	22 "
Vienna	"	400	19 "
Frank	Man	500	10 "
Holsey	Boy	300	7 "
Cato	"	250	6 "
Sal	Girl	150	4 "
Sidney	"	150	4 "
Milly	"	100	2 "
Margaret	"	<u>50</u>	<u>3 Months</u>
			<u>\$4,020.00</u>

Baltimore ~~County~~ City to wit –

Be it remembered that one this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823  
personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices  
of the Peace of the State and ~~County~~ City aforesaid – James Hollingshead  
and James Heighe both now of the City of Baltimore and duly make  
oath that they appraise and value the above 14 Slaves at the prices  
affixed to each of them respectively amounting in the aggregate to Four Thousand  
and Twenty Dollars – That the said Hollingshead personally knew

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All said Slaves and the said Heighe personally knew the first named seven and can judge from correct information the value of the remainder, that neither of these Deponents are in any manner interested in the value of said Negroes lately belonging to said Martha Wilson, neither directly nor indirectly. -

Sworn before

Anthony Mittenberger, Jus. Peace

City of Baltimore

State of Maryland and Baltimore County Sct

I hereby certify that Anthony Mittenberger Gentlem  
=an before whom the foregoing depositions were made  
and who hath thereto subscribed his name was  
at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace in and  
for the City of Baltimore duly Commissioned and  
Sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my  
hand and affixed the seal of my Office  
this thirteenth day of June  
Eighteen hundred and twenty  
three. -

Wm Gibson Clk Balt Coty Cot