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State of Maryland, Calvert County towit
On this eleventh day of August
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifteen, personally appeared before me
the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for the
County and State aforesaid, Michael Taney of said
County aged about sixty four years, who made
oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God
that he the Deponant [sic] residing on Patuxent River
being apprehensive of suffering injury from the
British Soldiery, then within the waters of the United
States had previously to the thirteenth day of July
Eighteen hundred and fourteen, caused his wife
and family as also his furniture, Stock & to be
removed to a secure distance from home, on
which thirteenth day of July Joseph Nourse com=
=mander of his Britanic Majesty's Ship Severne
came on shore to the Deponant [sic] while engaged in
his harvest field, from on board of his said Ship
which then lay in the river within two miles of
Deponants [sic] Door – on said Nourse's hoisting a white
handkerchief (deponant [sic] having first taken the
precaution to send his Negroes off) he advanced to
meet said Nourse, to know what he wanted, On
meeting him said Nourse (unsolicitedly) said he had
come up for the purposes of releiving [sic] him and his
family from any alarm or uneasiness, and pledged
himself as a Gentleman and a British officer that if
he remained at home in his farming occupation

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none of his family or any thing he had should be molested either by himself or any of his majestys fleet, Deponant [sic] replied he was an old man upwards of sixty four years of age incapable of bearing Arms and intended if not driven away to remain at home engaged in his farming occupation. They then parted and his ship went down the river, and deponants [sic] family returned home, and he had the property which he had thus sent off also brought back.

On the evening of the seventeenth of July however deponant [sic] and his family were alarmed by the approach of arm'd men twenty five in number and a part of said Nourse's command. they entered the yard of deponants [sic] house, with an officer at their head, who had his sword drawn, he ordered his men to catch deponants [sic] negroes and poultry – the negroes were so alarmed as to be screaming, crying, and running in every direction – a number of said negroes were soon caught by said men and brought at the point of the Bayonet to deponants [sic] door, deponant p[sic] remonstrated against said conduct, and finally at that time succeeded in getting said negroes and poultry released. in a few days after, eight or nine hundred armed men of said Nours's [sic] command on their return from burning the Calvert County Court house and Goal, were marched by deponants [sic] house and one of his negroe [sic] women forcibly taken off by them – deponant [sic] complained of this to said Nourse and obtained her release, on the thursday night the (twenty first) following, the deponants [sic] Negroes in number twenty one and almost the whole he owned [illegible] particularly in the list hereto attached marked A were taken from him by said Enemy and carried on board of their shipping then in the river opposite to Deponants [sic] farm, and on friday morning following the ships were all under way, going down the river, by the first dawn of day, with said Negroes on board – Deponant [sic] used every effort to get back his Negroes a part of whom he afterwards saw on board of said shipping, but did not succeed in getting any of

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them. Deponant [sic] further says that he was informed

by two of said Nours's [sic] men then under his said command, that Negroes and Tobacco were the best plunder they could get. that they were to have five pounds for every negroe [sic] they could get, and one of the Lieutenants of Admiral Cochrane's, who called himself "Charles D Jermey" informed the Deponant [sic] that he was to have fifty pounds a peice [sic] for each Negroe [sic] he could get on board – Deponant [sic] further says that his negroes were all taken off together and at the same time. that some time after the ratification of the late Treaty between the United States and Great Britain by the President of the United States he was credibly informed and believes that one of said Negroes was seen on board of one of said ships in the waters within the Jurisdiction of the United States, and Deponant [sic] has never heard nor has he any to reason to believe that any of said negroes had been carried or sent farther by said Enemy at said time of ratification

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than the Tangeir [sic] Island, where a considerable part of their shipping lay at said time. there was much more injury done Deponant [sic] in his property, and many other circumstances attending this lawless outrage of the Enemy and in a high Degree hightening [sic] his crime, which he is advised it is not on this occasion material to state
Sworn to before
Ben Gray

A

Charles	aged about	55 years –
Ben -	do -	48 do
Joe -	do -	44 -
Jess -	do -	30 –
Tom -	do -	22 –
Joseph -	do -	14
Nelson -	do -	12
Bill -	do -	10 –
John -	do -	8
Charles -	do -	4
Cloe -	do -	47
Vyney -	do -	38
Jane -	do -	35
Sall -	do -	29
Hanah -	do -	27
Priss -	do -	30
Rachael -	do -	18
Annette -	do -	16
Margaret -	do -	15
Lucretia -	do -	10
Nell -	do -	6
Mary	do	19

A list of the negroes belonging to the Subscriber, taken by the British as stated in the foregoing deposition
Michael Taney

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PAID [POSTMARKED NOV 22]
[Illegible]
paid
R.B. Taney

Con't Depns marked
A & B

Robert P. Dunlop Esquire
George Town
District of Columbia

Add't Evidence
Rec'd Jany 5th 1828
Contg Deps marked
A & B refered [sic] to
by agent in his statement

Baltimore Nov 21, 1827
Dear Sir
I inclose [sic] you two depositions relative
to my fathers slaves – You will decide
whether it will worth while to use them
Resp'y [illegible]
Yr Ob't Svt
R.B. Taney

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Deposition of
Wm Wood, stating
facts in relation to
the negroes deported
by the British in
1814.
belonging to M. Taney
since decd

Slaves, & Dep.
Taney, Michael sen'r dec'd – Calvert Cn
Md
31 July 1822
17(th)

Be it remembered that one this first day of August A.D. 1822 personally appears William Wood of the County of Calvert, in the State of Maryland, before me a Justice of the peace, for the County and State aforesaid, and maketh oath, and saith, that he knew the late Michael Taney Senior, of the County and State aforesaid, and the farm on which the said Taney resided, for many years before the year 1814 – That this deponent is aged about forty three – years – that he was born in the County aforesaid, and within a mile of the late M. Taney's farm and has lived in the neighbourhood all his life – That in the year 1814 this deponent lived on a part of the farm aforesaid, belonging to said Taney and on which said Taney also resided that he was a tenant of said Taney – that he had lived so long in his neighbourhood – had been so often on said Taney's farm, as mentioned above & seen his negroes so often that he well remembers those he here particularises [sic] by name, that is to say Charles, then aged about fifty five years, Ben, about forty eight, Joe, about forty four, Jess, about thirty, Tom

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about twenty three, Joseph, about fourteen,
Nelson, about eleven, Bill, about nine,
Vyney, about thirty eight -----
Chloe, about forty seven years, Priss, about
thirty one, Jane, about thirty five, Sall,
about twenty nine, Hannah, about twenty seven
Rachael, about eighteen, Annette, about seventeen
Margaret, about sixteen – that besides
these, deponent remembers there were several
young negroes (children) whose names he does
not now recollect – that the negroes he has
named above, with the children not named by
Deponent, were on the farm of said Taney in
the month of July or August AD 1814 -
that on the day after the deponent last saw any
of the aforesaid negroes on the farm aforesaid,
being in the month of July or August A.D. 1814,
a certain William Brinkley, then the overseer
for said Taney on said farm and since deceased, came to
this deponent early in the morning and said
he could not find the aforesaid negroes – that
after some conversation between deponent & the
said Wm Brinkley, they began to track the
said negroes in the road leading from the quarters
or negro houses, down to the Patuxent River
that the tracks found in the road were of
various sizes, some seeming to be the tracks of
grown persons, and some of children - that a rain
had fallen there the night preceding that
morning, and the tracks had plainly been
created by persons passing after the fall
of the rain – That there were then lying before
the door of said Taney, in the River Patuxent,
a number of the enemy's vessels and ships of
war say twenty or thirty in sight – That said Taney, ~~the said Wm Brinkley~~
and this deponent, went down to the shore of
the said River and there found the tracks in
the sand very thick and seeming to be made
by the persons they had tracked from the quarters
or negroes houses, and such tracks as they had

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traced from the quarters aforesaid, down to the aforesaid River, That said Taney then hoisted a signal, such as the enemy were in the habit of standing to & sending a boat on shore for, when any the citizens of the County found it necessary for any cause to have communication with them – But that on this occasion the enemy disregarded the aforesaid signal and sent no boat on shore – That said Taney

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could not procure a boat on that side of the Battle Creek fit to go on board in – The enemy lay all this day before said Taney's door – and on the next day they began to move down the said River – That said Taney then crossed Battle Creek to Dr Irelands farm & as said Taney told him, after his return home, he went on board the enemy and saw and talked with some of his negroes and that they would not return with him nor would the enemy restore them against their consent – This deponent further states that it was then, has been since, and still is now, generally reported and believed in the County and neighbourhood, that these negroes absconded from said Taney & went on board the enemy and that they were taken off, from the Calvert shore, in the boats or barges of the enemy and that they were induced and persuaded so to do, by the enemy, or negroes their agents, sent on shore, in the night for that and other like purposes. – That deponent is persuaded these negroes were taken off in the boats or barges of the enemy, because all the boats and canoes in that neighbourhood were moored into the interior of the County or destroyed, to prevent the negroes of the County from going on board the enemy and deserting their owners by such means – Deponent thinks there were more than twenty vessels and ships of war belonging to the enemy, lying before said Taney's door at the time mentioned or in sight about. Said deponent further states that the said negroes had been held and owned by said Taney ever since deponent knew them, as the slaves for life, of him the said Taney and never heard any dispute or question that they were slaves for life – That the farm deponent has spoken of, is a body of land, with the River Patuxent on the west and Battle Creek on the South and East, containing from eight hundred to

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one thousand acres, so that tis a peninsula,
and Battle Creek being of considerable
width and so deep that craft come up
it for several miles, the main road men-
tioned above & passing thro' this farm, has
been & now is , but little used by travellers [sic]
or strangers – That deponent has been

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in the neighbourhood of this farm and some years living on it, ever since the year 1814- That he has never seen any one of these negroes since they disappeared at the time and in the manner described above. That the squadron mentioned above or some part of it was commanded by Captain Nourse -----

That deponent is informed & believes that the said Michael Taney Senior, departed this life in the year 1820. –

Deponent further states that to the best of his knowledge and belief all the said negroes were of sound and healthy constitutions, and in no manner maimed, crippled or diseased –

Calvert County State of Maryland

On this the 31st July 1822 then came William Wood Before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid [sic] and maid [sic] oath on the holy Evengelary [sic] of Almighty of Almighty God that the fougoing [sic] statements contains [sic] in this statement are just and true as thay [sic] stands stated to the best of his knowledge & belief –
Sworn To before Peregrine Bowen

State of Maryland Calvert County Sct

I Hereby certify that Peregrine Bowen Gentleman before whom the foregoing Deposition was made and taken and who have hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace for said State in and for the county aforesaid duly commissioned and Sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this 17th day of October Anno Domini 1822
William S Morsell Clk of Calv't Coty Cot

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Free

H. Town Md

Augt 14

The Honble
The Secretary of State
of the United States
City Washington

Affidavit
Michael Taney enclosed

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Aug 11th 1815

Sir

I am sorry I have not had it in my power
sooner, to procure the affidavit of Mr Taney. I do
myself now the honor to find it enclos'd-

I have the honor to be

very respectfully

James S Morsell

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Slaves, &c Dep.

Taney, Michael Sen'r dec'd – Calvert Co. Md.
2 Sept. 1822

21 [8 c.) Slaves (13 at \$4410)

Joe -	40 -	\$500	
Jessee -	25 -	550	
Charles -	50 -	300	
Ben -	50 -	300	
Tom -	20 -	550	
Joseph -	15 -	350	
Chloe -	50 -	200	
Priss -	22 -	300	150
Ann Letty -	17 -	300	
Hanna -	26 -	300	
Sall -	30 -	300	
Jenney	42 -	280	
Veney -	42 -	<u>280</u>	
13		4410	

& 10 or 12 children – no valuation

Deposition of Thos Howard
21 negroes

State of Maryland – Calvert County – to wit:
Thomas Howard aged about fifty years being
first duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty
God before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace,
of the state & for the County aforesaid, deposeth &
saith – That he was well accuainted [sic] with the
negros of Michael Taney Senior Esquire of the state
& County aforesaid deceased – having been an over
-seer for him for several years - & having only
left his service a few years previous to the war
of eighteen hundred and twelve between this Country

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& England – That in the year eighteen hundred

& fourteen this Deponent was overseer for Doctor Joseph Ireland the next neighbor of the said Michael Taney – That during the wheat harvest of the last mentioned year, in the month of July, this Deponent went one evening to the said Michael Taney's Farm - where he saw his negros at work as usual – at which time a British armed vessel lay in the Patuxent River off the land of the said Michael Taney – whereof a Mr Nourse was the reputed commander – That early the next morning this Deponent observed the said vessel to get under-way & stand down the river – That a few hours afterwards the said Michael Taney came to Doctor Joseph Ireland's & stated that the British vessel aforementioned had carried off twenty one of his negros - & desired this Deponent to accompa [sic] -ny him on board said vessel for the purposes of regaining the possession of his negros –whereup- on this Deponent & several others set off with the said Michael Taney for the purpose

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aforesaid – but it was agreed finally that it would be imprudent & hazardous to board the said vessel - & therefore this Deponent the said Michael Taney & Other returned home – without boarding the said vessel, or having any communication with those on board of her. That in about a week afterwards this Deponent again went to the said Michael Taney's – when he missed a number of his negros – which never returned to the knowledge of this Deponent - & which he verily believes went on board of the said British armed vessel from the circumstances aforementioned – That of the negros of the said Michael Taney so missed this Deponent well remembers these following – Joe aged about forty years & worth about four hundred dollars – Jessee aged about twenty five years & worth about five hundred & fifty dollars – Charles aged about fifty years & worth about three hundred dollars – Ben aged about fifty years & worth about three hundred dollars – Tom aged about twenty years & worth about five hundred & fifty dollars Joseph aged about fifteen years & worth about three hundred & fifty dollars – Cloe aged about fifty years & worth about two hundred dollars - Priss aged about twenty two years & worth about three hundred dollars – Ann-Letty aged about seventeen years & worth about three hundred dollars- Hanna aged about twenty six years & worth about three hundred dollars – Sall aged about thirty years & worth about three hundred dollars - Jenney aged about forty two years & worth about two hundred & eighty dollars – Veney aged about forty two years & worth about two hundred & eighty dollars – That this Deponent missed also ten or a dozen negro children belonging to the said Michael Taney – the names & ages of which he hath no recollection –

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& which he really believes were carried
off with the negros before mentioned –
& further saith not.
Sworn to this second day of September
in the year eighteen hundred & twenty two
Before
Basil Simmons

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc –
I hereby certify that Basil Simmons
Gentleman before whom the foregoing affidavit
was made & taken & 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 & for Calvert
County aforesaid duly commissioned & sworn –
In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & affixed
the seal of Calvert County
Court this second day of
August Anna Domini
1822 –
Wm S Morsell Clk of Calvt
Coty Court

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Charles, aged, about, 55, years
 Ben, ditto, ditto, 42, ditto
 Joe, ditto, ditto, 44, ditto
 Jess, ditto, ditto, 30, ditto
 Tom, ditto, ditto, 22, ditto
 Joseph, ditto, ditto, 14, ditto
 Nelson, ditto, ditto, 12, ditto
 Bill, ditto, ditto, 10, ditto
 John, ditto, ditto, 8, ditto
 Charles, ditto, ditto, 4, ditto

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Cloe, ditto, ditto, 47, ditto
 Vyney, ditto, ditto, 30, ditto
 Jane, ditto, ditto, 35, ditto
 Sall, ditto, ditto, 29, ditto
 Hanah, ditto, ditto, 27, ditto
 Priss, ditto, ditto, 30, ditto,
 Rachel, ditto, ditto, 18, ditto
 Annette, ditto, ditto, 16, ditto

Margarett, ditto, ditto, 15, ditto
 Lucretia, ditto, ditto, 10, ditto
Nell, ditto, ditto, 6, ditto
 Mary, ditto, ditto, 19, ditto (months)
Stock.
 2. Yoke of my best oxen
 7. Large prime cow's with Calf
 4. 4 years old steers –
 2. 3 year's old Heffers [sic] w'th Calf-
 1. Large Bull –

1. 4 years old ditto
 1. Old Oxen –
 1. Yearling N.B. }
 1. 2 years old The 7. Cow's }
 ----- & 2 Heffers [sic] }
1 Plow Mare were all with }
 calf. }
 45 head of Sheep -

State of Maryland, Calvert County to wit:
 Be it remembered that on this
 sixteenth day of October in the year
 eighteen hundred & twenty two, personally
 appears Col Benjamin Gray before the subscriber
 a Justice of the peace in & for the State &
 County aforesaid, & makes oath on the Holy
 Evangely of Almighty God – that he was well
 acquainted with Michael Taney Sen'r Esq
 deceased – that he hath frecuently [sic] seen
 the said Michael Taney write – that the
 annexed statement, list or schedule, of negros,
 [illegible word crossed out] stock, (or cattle, sheep, & mare) is the actual,
 True and proper hand-writing of the said Michael
 Taney – except the endorsement thereon - to the
 Best of his knowledge, recollection & belief –
 Sworn before
 Ge. Wilkinson

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State of Maryland Calvert County Sct
I hereby certify that George Wilkinson Gentleman before
whom the above affidavit was made and who hath thereto subscribed
his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace of said
State in and for the county aforesaid duly commissioned and Sworn
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed the seal of my office
this 17th day of October Anno Domini 1822
William S Morsell Clk of Calvert Coty Co

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Eleventh

Mem. Of
Negroes recd
& carried off by
the enemy in 1814
=
and of stock
A.T.

Slaves, &c Dep.
 3 papers
]Ta]ney, Michael sen'r decd – Calvert Co. Md.
 16 Oct 1822
Recd 12 Nov “

22 (22, &c) Slaves, & Cattle, &c.

Col B Gray's
Dep

List of negroes
Taken off in
1814

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No. 514 –
Michael Taney –
additional evidence
enclosed –
filed 7 May 1828

[illegible] docket
Original Papers supposed to be
before the Board

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In the case of Michael Taney, dec'd represent-
-atives – which has been before the Board of
Commissioners & acted upon by them, the agent
has since received additional evidence, in support
of this claim, which he has filed & which he submits
to the consideration of the Board –

The new evidence is contained in paper marked
C. to which the commissioners are refered [sic] –

In page 19 of the printed documents – the commissioners
will find the name of Benje Diggs – a colonial marine
on board of the Regulus – This man was one of the slaves
belonging to Michael Taney, dec'd – (see new evidence)

The ~~proof~~ evidence now filed also proves, that Jess
another slave of M Taney – was seen with several
hundred marines & sailors ashore, in Calvert County
under the command of Capt Nourse – armed with
a cutlass & musket –

The commissioners are also respectfully refered [sic] to
the evidence now filed to shew – that Michael Taney
dec'd lost a family of slaves – whose sirname was
Yeatland – seven in number – Upon the Halifax list
page 101 – are found seven negroes whose sirname are
Yeatland – The commissioners in their former award
have mentioned five slaves only as being found upon
the Halifax list. [illegible] The agent would respectfully submit
to the Commissioners – whether the proof filed does not shew –
that Michael Taney dec'd lost a family consisting of seven slaves
whose sirname was Yeatland – all of whom are found upon the
Halifax list.

Robert P. Dunlop
agent
Apr 21, 1828

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Lower Marlbro' 17th April 1828

Sir

I have inclosed you the depositions of three persons relative to a part of the negroes we claim. Ben Diggs you will find on the colonial marines list. Jess we cannot find on the list. but that he was on shore after he left my father [illegible] equip'd for battle & under the command of Capt Nourse of the frigate Severn is sufficiently proved.

The Yeatlands are on the Halifax list

Would it [answer] any good purpose to prove that many of them had no surnames?

I am

Sir

Very Respfully yrs

M. Taney

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Calvert County State Maryland – To wit
Be it remembered that on this 15th day of
April 1828 personally appears William Pardoe
before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace
for the county & state aforesaid and makes
oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty
God. That in the month of August
1814 he saw a negro man by the name of
Jess the property of Michael Taney ashore
in the county & state aforesaid arm'd with
a musket & cutlass under the command
of Capt Nourse of the British navy who
had with him at the same time several
hundred marines & sailors - and further
this deponent sayeth not
Sworn before Aquilla G. Bowen

Calv't County State of Maryland – To wit
Be it remembered that on this 15th day of April
1828 personally appears James D. Denton before
me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the
County and State aforesaid and makes oath
on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God – that
he knew a Negro man belonging to
Michael Taney of the County & State afore-
-sd by the name of Ben, who was generally
called by his Negro acquaintances, by the name
of Ben Diggs – This negro is one of the
number belong [sic] to the aforesaid Taney that
was carryed [sic] off by the British in the year
1814. and this Deponent further sayeth not
Sworn before Aquilla G Bowen

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Calvert County State of Maryland – To wit
Be it remembered that on this 16th day of
April 1828 personally appears N. Murry
before me the Subscriber a Justice of
the peace for the County and State afore-
-said and makes oath on the Holy
Evangely of Almighty God – That he
was for many years acquainted with
a Negro man & his family belong [sic] to
Michael Taney of the county and state
Aforesaid by the name of Charles
Yeatland – who with his family con-
-sisting of his wife & seven children &
three grand children went off with
British in the year 1814
Sworn to before
Joshua Sedwick

Calvert County Sct
I hereby certify that Joshua Sedwick Gentleman before whom
the above deposition was made and who has thereto subscribed
his name was at the time of so doing one of the State of
Maryland's Justices of the peace in and for the County
aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.
In Testimony whereof I have hereto set
my name and affixed the seal of Calvert
County Court this sixteenth day of April
Anno Domini 1828
Wm S Morsell Clk of
Calv't Coty Cot

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Lower Marlbro May 1 1828

Dr Sir

I enclose you another deposition, in addition
to those sent to you by my brother Michael, proving
that one of my fathers negroes by name Joe, was
seen under arms, in the service of the british - I
hope the deposition will be of service to you,
in advocating our claim –

I should be pleased to hear
from you, when convenient –

In much Haste

I am

very Respectfully

R.L. Taney

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State of Maryland Calv't County April 29th 1828
Then came before me the subscriber a
Justice of the peace for the County & State
aforesaid David Dorsey and makes oath
on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God –
That he saw two negro men the property
of Michael Taney on shore in Calvert
County & State aforesaid by the name of Jess
and Joe – These men were armed and
under the command of Capt. Nourse of the
British Navy – These Negroes I had known for
many years – it was in the summer of 1814
he saw them under arms – when Capt Nourse
had with him at the same time several
hundred marines & sailors – and this
deponent further saith not
Sworn before Hezekiah Coberth

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc
I Hereby certify that Hezekiah Coberth Gentleman before whom the
above deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the
time of so doin[g] [illegible] of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid
duly [illegible] Sworn –
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court
this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.
William S Morsell Clk of Calvert County Cot

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Michael Taney dec'd
of Calvert County Md
claim for 22 Slaves &
other property:
agents statement
R.P Dunlop

Michael Taney dec'd of Calvert County, Maryland – claim for twenty two slaves – also claim for stock & other property taken by the British forces. In page 104 of the printed documents, is found the name of Hannah Ransom – the slave of Miles Taney of Calvert County, Maryland. See Tangier list. The deposition of James G Mackall marked A shews that Michael Taney was often called Mill & Miles Taney. – and that there was no other person in Calvert County named Michael Taney, except, the son of the claimant who was the owner of but one slave – a negro man – Lived in Baltimore – & which slave did not abscond from his masters service – The deposition marked B – shew that the family of the Yeatlands. seven in number – on the Halifax list. Page 101 – belonged to Michael Taney, decd. The other depositions filed shew the loss of the slaves – of M. Tandy, decd & of their going to the British vessels in the Chesapeake Bay. R.P Dunlop – agent. 2 Jany. 1828.

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Calvert County to wit

On this eleventh day of November in the year 1827 personally appears James G Mackall before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County afore said and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of almighty God that he was well acquainted with Michael Taney late of Calvert County deceased – that the said Michael Taney was a native of this County as this deponent has always understood & believes, and resided in this County all his life time. That he died about the year 1817 or 1818 at an advanced age – that the said Mich'l Taney was often called Mile Taney and Miles Taney & was frequently spoken of by one of these names – and there was no other person in Calvert County called Michael Taney or Mile Taney or Miles Taney except the son of the said Michael Taney – That it is generally understood in the County that nearly all of the slaves of Michael Taney the elder went off to the British during the war, & Mich'l Taney the son was not understood to be the owner of any slaves, except one man who was hired

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in Baltimore & did not run away
to the British &
further this deponent saith
not.
Wm C Hodgkin

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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc.
I certify that William C Hodgkin Gentleman
before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, and whose
Signature is thereto affixed, was at the time of the making
and Signing the same, and Still is one of the Justices
of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Calvert
County, Legally commissioned and Qualified, and to all
acts of his as such, due faith and credit is, and ought
to be given as well in courts of Justice as thereout –
In Testimony whereof I have hereto
Subscribed my name and affixed
the Public Seal of my office this
12th day of November 1827.
Wm S Morsell Clk
Calvt County Court

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Baltimore City to wit

On this – 21st – day of November in the year eighteen hundred and twenty seven personally appear Dorothy Taney And Sophia J Taney of the City of Baltimore, before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said City and personally make oath, that these deponents, who are daughter of – Michael Taney, late of Calvert County deceased, were residing with him at his residence in Calvert County at the time that his slaves went off to the British in or about the month of August 1814.

These deponents do not know the surnames of all the slaves lost by the said Michael Taney in the manner abovementioned. But they recollect perfectly that one of these absconding slaves whose name was Charles, called himself and was called by his fellow slaves Charles Yeatling or Yeatland. These deponents do not know the exact age of said Charles at the time he ran off but he then appeared to be between 60 & 70 years of age – He had a wife and seven children belonging to the said Michael Taney, all of whom went off with him. His wife was named Chloe and appeared to be about 50 years of age. – her precise age these deponents do not know. – The said Charles and Chloe had among other children a son named Thomas aged about 22 years at the time he ran away and

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another son named Joseph about 14 or 15 years of age, but who was a well grown boy and might be supposed from his appearance to be 18 or 19 years of age – The said Charles and Chloe had also a young child named John which they took with them – These deponents have been thus particular in describing Charles and his wife and three of his children because they verily believe that the Yeatlands mentioned in the Halifax list page 101 of the printed documents on this subject are part of the family of slaves of that name which absconded from the said Michael Taney, in the manner above stated. –

Sworn to before

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(Hannah)

Allowed for one slave [illegible]
from Maryland - \$2[illegible]

Int & remainder of claim

reserved – } Vide other
7th Jan: 1828 } side for a
 ward

Taking of all proved – Five
found on Halifax list p: 101.

May 19th – 1828 – Allow'd –

The duly authorized representatives of M Taney de'd
[f]or 20 slaves taken from Mary
-land @ \$280 each – making the
sum of \$5,600 – being the resdue [sic]
of his claim for slaves – Claim for
property Rejected –
Interest reserved