

Claim of Thomas Hungerford

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Calvert County State of Maryland

On this twenty sixth day of

March 1828 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Elisha Buckmaster Esq and makes oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he knew negro Tom the property of Thos. B Hungerford of Calvert County and that the said negro was known and called by the name of Tom Hamilton he also saw said negro in possession of the British and appear -red to be doing duty as a soldier this was some -time in the later part of the year 1814

Sworn Before Basil Simmons

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I Hereby certify that Basil Simmons Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was [illegible] a Justice of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid [illegible]

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
And affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight
William S Morsell Clk of Calvert
County Court

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Lo Marlbro Md) Paid 2 ct
March 27)
Robert P Dunlop Esquire
Atty at Law
George Town

Calvert County March 27th 1828

Dr Sir

Enclosed you will find the testimony of Mr. Elisha Buckmaster testifying the Sir-name of my man Tom and also that he was doing duty as a soldier this gentleman knew him well, and saw him repeatedly on shore with the British Troops, this testimony would have been forwarded on ten or twelve sooner had it not been for my indisposition I am in hopes you will present my claim to the Board of Commissioners immediately on the receipt of this letter for consideration and let me hear the result as soon as practicable I think it highly probable that I shall visit your city about the 3rd or 4th of next month, as respects my man Nace I am in hopes you are able by this time to ascertain whether it will be necessary for me to ~~obtain~~ obtain trouble anything further about him - - -

I think you will find my man

Tom Hamilton returned on the Col. Marine List on Board the ship Canso and removed from thence on Board of other ships I have know [sic] doubt but he was a soldier of some considerable rank as he was a very likely and active young fellow – as to the number of the page on which you will find my man I do not recollect as I have not the Book

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in my possession but you can easily find it
by refering [sic] to the Ship Canso –
Yrs Respectfully
Tho. B. Hungerford

P.S.
You will endeavour
to get the specific
price for him as he
is found amount that
number - Th. B. H.

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I Hereby certify that James Wilson [illegible]
Gentleman before whom the annexed depositions
were made and taken and who has hereunto
thereto subscribed his name was at the time of
so doing one of the Justices of the peace of the
said County 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 seventeenth day
of May in the year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and Twenty one ...
Wm S Morsell Clk of Calv't
County Court

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On this 18th Day of May in the year of our
Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one
before me the subscriber one of the jus
-tices of the peace in and for the county
aforesaid personally appeared [sic] Benjamin
Hungerford and made oath on the holy
Evangel of almighty God that he saw
Negro Tom the property of Thos. B Hun
gerford aged about eighteen years went of [sic]
to the British sometime in the month
of June or July Eighteen hundred and
fourteen and the said Negro was worth
at the time of his going off five hund
-red Dollars, that he saw him with the
British troops at and about the mouth
of the patuxent where this Deponent
lives and near to the place of William
E Hungerford the Brother of Thomas
B Hungerford with whom the said
Negro lived
Sworne [sic] before
James Wilson

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The claim of Thomas B. Hungerford of Calvert County, Maryland, is respectfully submitted – This claim is for one slave named Tom Hamilton - the evidence filed in the office of the Secretary of State proves that Tom was seen with the British troops at the mouth of the Patuxent, in the summer of the year 1814 –

The deposition since filed with the Clerk of the Commission – proves, that Tom was seen with the British troops in the latter part of the year 1814 – and that he appeared to be then doing duty as a soldier I find the name of “Tom Hamilton” among the list of slaves on board of the Erebus – page 48 of the printed documents –

The name is found also at page 29 of the printed documents on board same ship – Erebus - & from the marginal entry it appears – that this slave with others entered the Albion 20 February 1815 from Regulus – but not found on her books –
Robert P Dunlop
agent

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Thomas B. Hungerford
claim for 1 slave
Submitted by
R. P. Dunlop
agent.

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Thomas B. Hungerford
Claim for 1 slave
submitted

18th July 1828 – allow'd – for
one slave taken from Mary
land @ \$280 – Int reserved

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