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Claim of  
Wm Ward of Maryland  
One slave  
Submitted  
to be [illegible] J.E. [illegible]

This negro was a  
Marine thereupon  
it is to be presumed  
that he remained in  
the Country with the Black Corps  
JE Fr

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[illegible] hereby certify that between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1814 tha[t] the Brittish [sic] squadron then lying in the Chesapeak [sic] Bay comm[and-] -ed by Commodore Barry did recieve [sic] one of my negro men named Alexander Cook who afterwards piloted them in Herring Bay the negro man was then about twenty two yea[rs] of age, and at the time of his departure I was from hom[e] under the order of the government of the State of Maryland ~~about twelve~~ (some) miles serving in the company of Capt Thi's T Simmons  
William Ward

State of Maryland Ann [sic] Arundle [sic] County Sc  
On this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1823 personally appears William Ward before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the said County and State and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the foregoing statement is substantially true to the best of his knowledge and belief. –  
Sworn before  
Lewis Sutton

I do hereby certify that on 27<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1814 I was taken by the British in the morning early and placed under gard [sic] with the British marines and while with them I saw this negro Alex'd Cook said to have belonged to Mr William Ward in their service and was inform'd by them that he had piloted them into herring Bay –  
Thomas McPherson

I do hereby certify that while the british Fleet was in Herring Bay toward the last of October I saw this negro (viz) Alex'd Cook with two negroes of Mr John Scrivenners and some of the English a killing Mr McQuillings geese – these marines all came from the squad-ron of Commodore Barry  
John G Ward

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State of Maryland Ann [sic] Arundle [sic] County Sc  
On this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1823 pearsonlly [sic] appears Thos McFer-  
-son and John S Ward before me the subscriber a justice of the peace  
in and for the said State and County and makes oath on  
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the foregoing state-  
-ments are ~~just~~ substantially just and true to the best of  
their belief and knowledge  
Sworn before  
Lewis Sutton

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[illegible] of Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit  
On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1827 personally appeared  
John Ward of William before me the subscriber a –  
Justice of the peace of Said County and made [illegible]  
on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he saw  
negro Alexander Cook the property of William Ward  
in company with the British (in the month of Sept'er  
1814 at the house of James Mcquillen near –  
Herring Bay in Said County in the act of plundering the said-  
Mcquillen – and that the said negro Alexander  
Cook was at that time dressed in British milatery [sic],  
and had a musket in his hand, - and from which  
circumstance I did believe that said Negro -  
Alexander had entered the British Service –  
The above named John Ward also now states that  
he was Sworn on the above Statement some four or  
five years since which statement may have  
possiable [sic] have been mislaid or lost –  
Sworn before  
Thomas T Simmorys

[illegible] Thos McFer  
a justice of the peace  
[illegible]