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490  
Benjn Williams  
Claim for slaves –  
Of Maryland.  
Submitted by D.A. Hall  
agent.

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11 April 1828  
Vide award [illegible] within!

~~Allowed for Two Slaves~~  
~~(Prince & John) taken~~  
~~frm Georgia \$390~~

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~~780~~  
~~Int't remainder of the~~  
~~claim reserved~~

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19 May 1828 – allow'd for  
19 slaves / rem'r of claim / taken  
from Maryland @ \$280 each  
\$5,320 – Interest reserved  
21<sup>st</sup> December 1827  
Taking of all proved –  
Rachel, Ann & Betty found  
on Halifax list p 87

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[C]alvert County Sc

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appears before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Calvert County aforesaid John M Kenney aged about 40 years who being sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth & saith to the bet of his knowledge recollection & belief that Prince Jones aged about 38 years, Meal Jones commonly called Michael Johnston about 25 years of age, John Jones about 25 years of age, Rachel Jones about 25 years of age, Nancy Jones about 25 years of age, Jacob Jones about 12 years of age. David about 10 years of age, Cence Jones about 11 years of age, Cressa about 5 years of age, Rosetta about 14 years of age, Gidion [sic] about 3 years of age Annaky about 2 years of age Betsy Jones about 26 years of age Lotty Jones about 19 years of age Kate Jones about 17 years of age Holdsworth Jones about 15 years of age, Sophia Jones about 14 years of age, Treacy and 7 years of age, Perry about 3 years of age & Deren=da about 1 year of age were the property of Benjamin Williams of Calvert County and slaves which he this deponant [sic] believes were taken off by the British troops during last war and further saith not  
Sworn before  
Tho Mitchell

Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and who has thereto subscribed his name is one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned & Sworn  
In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my name and affixed the seal of Calvert County  
Court this 28 day of February AD 1828  
Wm S Morsell Clk of  
Calv't Coty Co't

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Maryland Calvert County the 7<sup>th</sup> Apl 1815  
Doctor Benj. Williams aged forty Two years  
being duly sworn on the Holy evangely of  
Almighty God deposeth & sayeth.  
That on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> July last (the  
day Calvert Court House was burnt) a  
party of the British came to his {the Depo-  
-nent's) House, and carried off Twenty of  
negroes, the property of the Deponent – two  
of which were tied by them (the British)  
and a negro woman, while endeavouring [sic]  
to make her escape, was fired on and  
made to return & join them, also two  
other negro girles [sic] were in the second sto-  
-ry and were ordered down by one of the  
British officers, under a promise made  
to Mrs Williams, that they should not be  
carried away, which said girles [sic] were  
immediately ordered off by said officer –  
Sworn to this date above  
Before  
Thomas Billingsley a Justice of  
the Peace of the State of Maryland  
in & for Calvert County –

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Amount brought over	\$5050
1 negro Boy named Gideon 5 years of age -----	{ \$ - 150
1 negro girl Dorinda 1 yr old	100
1 do do Annaca 1 yr old -	<u>100</u>
	\$5400

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1821 Ben. Williams

State of Maryland Calv't Cnty towit  
On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821 personally  
appeared before me the subscriber  
one of the Justices of the peace in  
and for the state and County afores'd  
Benjamin Williams who has sub  
scribed his name to the foregoing  
and above statement and made oath  
on the holy Evangelis of Almighty  
God that the same is just and true  
as stated  
Joshua Sedwick

State of Maryl'd Calvt County viz  
17 May 1821  
Came Edward Wood before me one of  
the Justices of the Peace for the state  
of Maryl'd and for said County and made  
oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty  
God, that he saw the above negroes the  
property of Benjamin Williams taken  
by the British and going down aboard  
there [sic] shiping [sic], and that one of the fore  
=going negroes named Prince was tyed [sic]  
under a British Guard  
Joshua Sedwick

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Maryland, Calvert County to wit 6<sup>th</sup> Apl 18[illegible]

Thomas Billingsley aged about forty four years, being duly sworn on the Holy evangely of Almighty God deposeth & saith.

That about the Twentieth of July last, to wit – the day that Calvert County house was burnt by the British, that he (the Deponent) was at the House of Mr. Woods on the road leading from the Court House to River where the British lay, and while this Deponent was at the House afs'd in company with Mr. Wood, the British passed from burning the court House and had with them many negroes, twenty one of which was the property of Doctor Benj'm Williams of the county afs'd. One of which, a lad about eighteen years of age, had his hands tied, This Deponent mentioned this circumstance to Doctor Williams afterwards and the Doctor told him that the said lad was unwilling to go with the British but was forced off. And further this Deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to this date

above – Before

Thos Barber (J.P.)

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Be it remembered that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1828 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Abraham Monnett aged about fifty five years who being sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almig =hty God, deposeth and saith that part of the negroes that Dr Benja =min Williams lost in the year 1814 were commonly known and called by the following names and were of the following ages or thereabouts viz – Prince Jones aged thirty five years, John Jones aged twenty years Meal Jones aged twenty eight years, Betty Jones aged twenty six years Rachel Jones aged twenty five years, Ann Jones aged twenty five years Letty Jones aged seventeen years, Kitty Jones aged sixteen years and Rosy Jones aged fourteen years and also he recollects that the said Williams lost several Children who were the children of some of the above negro women the names of which Children not recollected by him the said Monnett and further saith not  
Sworn before  
Tho Mitchell

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I Hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Esquire before whom the above deposition was made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice 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 Calvert County Court this ninth day of February 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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Statement

11<sup>th</sup> April 1828

allowed for one slave  
Anaky taken from  
Georgia – 390  
Interest & the remainder of  
the claim reserved.

Note

Vide B. Docs p 13 taken  
frm Georgia –  
“Michael Johnson” (vide  
claim for Meal Jones)  
Halifax list p: 87

Benj. Williams Claim.

1 Mial Jones: by the affidavit of John M Kenney  
it appears that this man was known also  
by the name of Michael Johnson, of which  
the name first given is probably a contrac-  
tion, at least so far as the cognasince [sic] is con-  
cerned. Michael Johnson is found on the Hal-  
ifax List, at page 87, and it will be perceived  
that the age reported on that list corresponds  
almost entirely with that shown by the tes-  
timony in the case, the latter fixing it at  
27, and the former at 28, and indeed this is  
an exact coincidence, for a year must have  
passed from the time of the taking to this  
period of this entry on the Hal. List.

Halifax list P: 87 Michael Johnson

2 Of Rachel and Ann Jones, the agent will  
only remark that they are to be found at page  
87, of the Halifax List, the latter under the  
name of Nanny. Vide Memorandum 21<sup>st</sup> Decem’r 1827

3d Rose Jones. See Rosey Jones – p. 25. 58. –  
[illegible] allowed

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4. Anaca Jones. This slave Anaky is found on the printed List at page 13, and the agent ventures very confidently to assert that it is the one here claimed. The name is a singular one not often found or heard: the agent has made diligent search upon the definitive List, and has been able to find no



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slave claimed under that name, except by this claimant Williams. Since therefore this slave is returned by the British, as having been within the waters of the U.S. at the close of the war, admitting thereby that it was a proper case for indemnity, and since in the whole list of applications, no one makes pretension to this slave but Mr. Williams, is not the conclusion irresistible that he is the true and property claimant and owner? If the name were a common one, or other claimants were seeking to recover under it, the agent would then forbear to lay the stress he now does, upon this argument, but as this case stands, he believes and trusts that the Board will also, believe [sic] it entitled to great force.

Allowed Anaka Georgia average

5 Betty Jones is found on the Halifax List at p. 87. This agent is satisfied that the reference by the Claimant to P. 59 - & p. 8 is erroneous, the names thence found being those of children. Vide memorandum – 21 Decm'r 1827

Among the children with the colonial Marines, at p. 58, are to be found two by the names of Jacob & Clarissa; their surnames are not given, but from the fact that they are found in company, and from the known fact that some of Mr. Williams Slaves were on Cumberland Isl'd /to wit Prince & John./ with a strong probability that others were carried there; these circumstances give us ground to infer that these two are the property of this claimant.

not found

D.A. Hall agent.