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Petition  
In case of  
John M Gray's  
Refs.

Rdcred that the claim  
of John M. Gray for  
slave James (being on  
Baileys list p: 105 &  
having been omitted by  
mistake) be added to  
the definitive list.

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John M Gray of Calvert County Maryland lost two negroes Dolly and her daughter Sophy; when Mr. Bailey went to Tangier he found Dolly & Sophy there, and also another child belonging to John M. Gray names James Handy, to whom the said Dolly had given birth after her ~~birth~~ escape from her master. Mr. Bailey therefore reported three negroes as belonging to Mr. Gray and demanded them with the rest from the British – Mr. Gray put in his claim for only two, not having any information as to the birth of James and for these two his representatives have been paid – as James was entered on the List returned by Mr. Bailey to the Department of State and was before the Gov't it ought to have been entered on the Definitive List and the Commissioners are respectfully asked to exercise the authority which they possess under the 12 Sec't of the Act organizing the Board, by adding this claim to the Definitive List all the fairly which it is material to establish now, it is supposed as disclosed by Bailey's return.

Resp'y Sub'd

J.E. Frost

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Gray, John M. – [Calvert Co. Md  
Deposited by  
Selden, Cary – 9 July 1823.

2 slaves - \$450

No. 1  
1 – 350  
1 – 100

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List of Negroes belonging to John M. Gray  
who went on Board of the British fleet in the  
waters of the Chesepeak [sic] on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 1814  
Doll Handy a woman aged 19 years.... \$350  
Sophy her daughter “ 4 “ .... 100

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc  
On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1823 came before me the  
Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said  
County John M Gray and made oath on the  
Holy Evangely of Almighty God that on the 30th  
of July 1814 the above negroes absconded from him  
and went on board of the British fleet then in Chese  
-peak [sic] and that he has not heard of them since  
to the best of his knowledge –  
Sworn before  
Wm C Dawkins

Calvert County Sc  
On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1823 came before me  
the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and  
for said county John P Williams and made  
oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God  
that the above statement is just and true  
to the his of his knowledge –  
Sworn before  
Wm C Dawkins  
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I Hereby certify that William C. Dawkins Gentleman  
before whom the within depositions was made and who 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 my office this  
third day of May Anno Domini 1823  
William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

John M. Gray.  
Calvert County. Maryland  
affid's of loss of two female  
slaves  
Dolly & Sophie –  
recd 16<sup>th</sup> June 1823 –  
Cary Selden  
Atty

Cary Selden Esq'r  
City Washington

[illegible] of Mr. Geo. Backwell  
1823 May [illegible] 4<sup>th</sup> about six oclock in the afternoon

[illegible] 18 June – that the  
proof sent should be  
filed in the Sec's office  
& if further wanted would  
advise him in [illegible]

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State of Maryland Anne Arundel County Sct.  
On this 2d day of April Eighteen hundred and  
twenty eight personally appears before me the  
Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the  
County aforesaid, William Diggs a man of color  
who makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty  
God that he was in company with Dolly the  
property of Jn. M Gray late of Calvert County  
dec'd a night or two before she went on board  
the British fleet and that she was several  
months advanced in pregnancy at the time  
Sworn to the best of his knowledge & belief  
before the Subscriber the day and year above  
written –  
Thomas I. Hall

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John M Gray  
2 slaves

J.E. Frost  
Attorney

Allowed for Two Slaves  
Taken from Virginia @ 280  
\$560  
Interest reserved  
16h May 1828

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Allowed for one slave, taken  
from Virgi Maryland - 280  
Int't reserved

The claim of John M Gray of Maryland for  
2 Slaves is [illegible] submitted for hearing

Documents refered [sic] to  
No. 1 Depositions of John M Gray and J.P. Williams  
British Documents.  
At page 32 the name "Dolly Handy" will be found and  
at page 33 will be found the name of her child  
"Sophy Handy"  
On Bailey's List at page 104 will be found the  
name "Dolly Handy" with the name of John M Gray set  
opposite as the owner and at page 105 among the children  
will be found a "Nancy Handy" who is no doubt our "Sophy"  
as Mr. Gray's name is set opposite to it. "Nancy" is  
not found on the "British Returns" but "Sophy" is as  
above stated, it is clear therefore that there is a mistake  
in the name. I find at page III that Bailey has entered  
the name correctly. –  
J.E. Frost

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