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Claim of John
Wood of Maryland
for slaves –
submitted by D.A. Hall
agent.

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14th April 1828
Probably on Halifax list
Daniel Betty & one child –
Taking of the whole proved.

further proof

19th May 1828 – allow'd –
for 5 slaves taken from
Maryland @ \$280 each
\$1,400 –
Interest reserved

Cont'd Mar 31 [illegible]

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Prince Frederick
December 3rd

Mail

This claim is for five slaves to wit. Daniel Gross and Bet his wife and three children Sampson, London and Gabe. They are on the Halifax List p. 81. The proof is conclusive as to the number of children carried away & probably the Halifax List does not pretend to give any thing like an accurate report of them, but merely to intimate that there are children with their parents

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State of Maryland Calvert County Sc.

I Hereby certify that Thomas B King and Peregrine Bowen
Esquires before whom the annexed depositions were made and taken and who have thereto subscribed
their names were at the time of so doing two of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and
for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
[illegible] and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this
sixteenth 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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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On this 12th day of Feby 1828 personally appears
Edward Woods of Edward ~~and makes oath on~~
before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace
in and for the State & County aforesaid and
made oath on the holy holy [sic] Evengely [sic] of Almighty
God that to his knowledge Daniel Gross ~~and~~
aged 33 years ~~at that time~~ Betty Gross aged 20 years at that
time and that the said negroes was the property
of John Wood and that the said negroes
left the said Wood in the summer of 1814 and
that he had every reason to believe that the
said negroes went on Board the British
then laying in the Patuxent river
Sworn before
Tho's B King

The State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –
On this the Fourteenth day of February 1828 there came before me
the Subscriber a Justice of the peace In and for Said County
William A Robinson – and makes oath on the Holy Evengely [sic] of
Almighty God – that he very well knew a Collord [sic] man
and a Collord woman & Three Collord [sic] Children – which was
known & Called by name the man was named Daniel Gross
& the woman his wife was called Betty & the Three Children
was Called Sampson London & Gabe – and all of them are
the Right and property [sic] of John Wood of Said County – and
that he Saw the above named Collord [sic] persons In the
possession [sic] of the British In their Barge on thir [sic] way
to the British fleete [sic] while Laying in the Patuxant [sic]
River In the year of 1814 – and did elope with
them from John Wood their master In the above
year - & firther [sic] this Deponant [sic] says not

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The State of Maryland – Calvert County To Wit
On this the Fifteenth day of Feby – 1828- there came before me the
Subscriber a Justice of the peace In and for Said County –
Pricilla Hammond [illegible words crossed out]. and of a Good
[illegible] as Stated – and over 50 years of age – and makes
oath on the Holy Evengeley [sic] of Almighty God – that she
very well knew a Collord [sic] Man by the name of Daniel
Gross & a Collord [sic] Wooman [sic] his wife by the name of Betty
& Three Small Children of Collour [sic] the oldest was named
Sampson the next was named London – and the youngest
was named Gabe – and that the above Collord [sic] persons which
[illegible] Daniel & Betty. Sampson. London & Gabe thay [sic] were the Right
& property of John Wood of Calvert County – and further
was present & Saw Three armed men from the British
fleete [sic] came to the House of said John Wood, and Did
Carry away from said House the five above named
Collord [sic] persons with them. In the year of 1814 while
The British fleete [sic] Lay In the Patuxant [sic] River In
Same year
Sworn To before Peregrine Bowen

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Esquires before whom the annexed depositions were made and taken and who have thereto subscribed
their names were at the time of so doing two of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and
for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
[illegible] and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this
sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and twenty eight.
William S Morsell Clk of Calvert
County Court

[T]o be filed in John
Wood's claim.
Recd' March 1st 1828
Add'l Evidence

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Slaves

Wood, John (of James) – Calvert Co. Md
deposited by
[B]ulfinch, Geo. S. – 24 April 1823

5 Slaves – 41250

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A List of Negroes Belonging to John Wood of James
taking [sic] by a party of the British Troops in July 1814

There [sic] ages and value at the time taking –

1 Negro man Daniel 23 years old. . . .	\$500. –
1 Negro woman Bet 20 Do Do. . . .	300. –
1 Negro boy Samson 4 Do Do. . . .	200. -
1 Negro Boy London 3 Do Do. . . .	150. –
1 Ditto child Gabe 15 months Do. . . .	<u>100. –</u>
	<u>\$1250. –</u>

See p. 81 Hal. List.

State of Maryland

Calvert County To Wit

On this sixteenth day of January Eighteen Hundred and
Twenty three there came John Wood of James before me
one of the Justices of the peace for the county and State
aforesaid and made oath that he lost the negroes as
above Stated – and has Sufficient reason to believe –
that they went on bord [sic] of the British ships then Lying in the
Patuxent of [sic] against his house
Sworn before Levin W Ballard

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State of Maryland Calvert County To wit –

On this sixteenth day of January Eighteen hundred and twenty
Three there came Benjamin Robertson before me one of the
Justices of the peace for the County and state aforesaid and made
oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that in the month of
August eighteen hundred and fourteen, that a barge from a Bri
=tish ship then lying in the Patuxent near Benedict [illegible]
at my landing in Calvert County with a number of me[n]
when four of them armed, march though [sic] my yard in [illegible]
to wards the above named John Woods and in about one [illegible]
returned with a negro woman and two or three negro [illegible]
which appeared to go onboard said barge to the best of his [illegible]
And belief

Sworn before Levin W Ballard

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State of Maryland Calvert County To Wit

On this Twenty Seventh day of March Eighteen Hundred and Twenty three There came Mary Wood before me one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that in the month of August Eighteen Hundred and fourteen, that four armed British troops came to the House of the aforesaid Mr John Wood and demanded the negroes as within Stated, and swore that if they were not delivered [sic] to them amedeately [sic] they would blow the House to Hell in a moment; as they well knew the negroes ware [sic] Secreted in the House; and in case they did not get them at that moment, the Admiral [had] requested them to inform Mr. Wood that he Should Land ashore the next day and Burne [sic] his house and every thing else they then took posesion [isc] of the negroes and carried them aboard there [sic] shipping – to the best of her Knowledge and belief
Sworn before
Ge Wilkinson

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I Hereby certify that Levin W Ballard Gentleman before whom the two first within affidavits were made and taken and who hath thereto subscribed his name, and George Wilkinson Gentleman before whom the above affidavit were made and taken and who hath thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing two Justices 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 29th day of March Anno Domini 1823
William S Morsell Clk of Calv't Coty Co

Document in Support
of claim of Jno: Wood
see letter from
Geo Wilkinson
placed in St Dept by
Mr Bulfinch
24 April 1823

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