Claim - Henrietta Ogle, AACo, Case Files Ca. 1814-28, 3.5 ft, entry 190, RG76, NARA Page 1

State of Maryland

Anne Arundel County to wit,

On this twenty fifth day of March 1828 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County personally appears Lewis Neth of the City of Annapolis of Lawful age, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty Go deposeth and saith that he went on board the Menalaus Capt. Dix on or about the twenty second of December 1814 with a flag and then and there saw a number of negroes and understood these negroes were exhibited (that is the greater part) as belonging to Wm. Ogle by Capt. Dix - this deponent further says that he went down with a flag when the Commissioners went to the fleet with the ratification of the treaty and that Mr. Ogle went down also at the same time and in the same Vessel and further this deponent saith not -

Bushrod, W. Marriott
Anne Arundel County to wit
I hearby certify that Bushrod W. Marriott
(Gentleman)"

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"Gentleman before whom the aforegoing affidavit was made was at the time of so doing one of the state of Maryland justices of the peace in and for Anne Arundel county duly commissioned and sworn

> In testimony whereof I hereto set my name and affix the seal of My office Anne Arundel county court this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

> > Wm. S. Green of AA Co etc.

aff. Lewis Neth -Ogle's Slaves March 1828 No 4 Page 3

" slaves Dept of []

Ogle Benj. (to Mr. F.) Bel Air, MD

for 7 May 1821

{Ogle Mrs. H.M. {Cross. Fielder

rec. 10

19 [20] } slaves of {Mrs. H.M. Ogle decd. \$5500 { Fielder Cross - \$

Two Depns. enclosed (F. Cross & B. Ogle0 no valuation of F. Cross -

1 - 150

1 - 750

1 - 800

1 - 600

1 - 150

2 - 200

1 - 450

1 - 400

Richard Forrest Esqr. Washington

"Dear Sir

Mr. Duval having informed me that Mr. G. Graham goes to Kentucky on Monday and as he I understand had a list made of all the Negroes in our Waters when he went down to the fleet on the ratification of the treaty; it may possibly be necissary for me to have an affidavit from him to prove the negroes belonging to the Estate of my Mother were there at that time - supposing that the necessary proofs are to be sent to the department of State I take the liberty of sending all I can get to you and shall be much obliged if thro Mr. Graham you can possibly make the proofs more positive of their being or the Tangiers when he went with the ratified treaty - the list of Negroes (is I presume) as taken in the Dept. of State - I wish I could have gone on to Washington myself, though I"

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"do not suspect it would have saved you any

trouble as at all events. I must have been your plague. Do inform me if I have made out my proofs in proper order. Judge Duvall thinks they are full and satisfactory: I wish those who have the money to pay may be equally clear sighted and just - With great respect I am Ever Yrs.

Sincerely

Benj. Ogle

Mr. Skinner knows nothing of the business I applied to him by Judge Duvall.

Bel Air May 7, 1821"

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State of Maryland

Anne Arundel County to wit.

On this twenty fifth day of March 1828 before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace for said County personally appears Mrs. Elizabeth Neth and makes Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that to the best of her knowledge and belief, she saw and conversed with Capt. Rick who came to Annapolis after the rejoicings for Peace, that she understood from him, that he had been on board the Menalaus, and he mentioned that he had seen Thomas a boy of Mrs. Ogles and William Ross a boy belonging to Mr. Neth both of whom waited in the cabin, she understood also from Capt. Rick that he had been a prisoner on board the fleet and further this deponent saith not -

Anne Arundel County to wit

I hereby certify that Bushrod W. Marriott Gentleman before whom the affidavit was made was at the time of so doing one of the state of Marylands justices of the peace in and Anne Arundell County duly commissioned and swom

> In testimony whereof I hereto set my name and affix the Seal of Anne Arundell county court this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Wm. S. Green of AACo etc late."

Page 6 "who says he get permission for Mrs. Ogle to go with a flag on board the British fleet, by application to James Madison then President of the United States and that she did go, but got no sattisfaction, and was told by Commodore Gordon the Negroes were sent to Bermuda - now although the say so of Commodore Gordon is no evidence, and although he might have told Mrs. Ogle they were sent to Bermuda merely to get rid of her importunities, still taking what he said, together with the evidence of Cross and B. Ogle and the Boy on Board the Menalaus; is it unfair to infer that they often had slaves on Board which are not reported, and more particularly as we find one Ship reporting Slaves as taken from another, that by the Books of that other never appear to have been on board That the Menalaus remained in the Waters of the United States page 65. until the 14th of April 1815 is proved by her own log and by a letter dated the 12 of April 1815 to Anthony W John Baker Esqr. then acting acting as Charge D'Affairs to his B.M. an attested Copy of which is hereto annexed, from Capt. Dix in which he says "as soon as the wind will permit my leaving Page 7 "Menalaus acknowledging that they were on board and this confirming beyond a doubt the evidence of Fieldre Cross; for the Captain says "your Negroes" and refers to Mrs. Ogles statement - now he speaks expressly in the plural and the statement to which he refers could mean nothing but the number description and sex of the Slaves; we thus establish beyond the possibility of doubt the twenty Negroes mentioned by Cross to have gone on board the Menalaus - This Ship it appears went down the Chesapeake and lay in Lynnhaven Bay all pg. 60 the month of February, in which month says Fielder Cross a Man of Mrs. ogles named Sam and a Man of mine named Joe were captured by Capt. Weedon who commanded a com= pany of Virginia militia, by boarding on the ice, to have been boarded on the ice so low down the Bay as Gloucester County, they much have been very near the Shore, and in some place well protected from the sea and wind - for the waters there, are not liable to freeze from their excessive saltness - now this Schooner in which they were taken must have been a Tender sent in shore to get fresh provisions & or for what other purpose would they run such a hazard by going so near the land and as the Menalaus lay so near is it risqueing too much to inferthat that this Schooner belonged to her, particularly as two of the Men taken on board had belonged to her, for we find from Fielder Cross

testimony they went on board off Talleys point and are acknowledged to have done so by Capt. Dix himself. Although the Menalaus reports no slaves on board 14 April 1815 the very day on which she left the Chesapeake still as we find " a boy supposed to belong to Mrs. Ogle of Annapolis on board the Menalaus (in Baylys list page 108) and two others captures in a tender is her immediate neighborhood and as we proved before by the Capt. of the Menalaus himself their reception on board and he has given no proof of their being elsewhere, and moreover

as we find errors in the return of almost every ship, beginning with the Regulars in the very first page of the printed documents, where the Albion give a list ofnot less than twenty five taken from that ship not found on her Books - and the same, errors we see continued in almost every page afterwards and in almost every ship the omission of such numbers could not be accident - Tho. M. Bayley in his letter of May 17. 1825 to the Secretary of State ^says it is very certain that some of the slaves

and from the evidence of Benj. Ogle also certified to by Judge Duvall that Mrs. Ogle was not permitted to see her slaves when she went on board the fleet; and the evidence again of Fielder Cross" Page 8 "this anchorage I shall sail for Bermuda - this letter is

changed their names after they fled to the enemy (page 103)

proved beyond the possibility of doubt the Negroes being on board the Menalaus and that the Menalaus did not leave the Waters of the United A States until after the ratification of the treaty, I respectfully ask a compensation for nineteen out of the twenty Negroes carried off with interest till paid - Benj. Ogle - "

dated H.B.M. Ship Menalaud, Hampton Road - Having now