

George county, some of the people of the town of Upper Marlborough took four stragglers who were following the army. They were sent into the interior of the country together with a deserter. As soon as they were missed they were demanded by the British commander, under a threat that the town should be destroyed if he were not obeyed. Communications passed between the two parties, the result of which was, that the men were restored, or placed in a situation to be taken by the enemy. In effecting this restoration, the prisoner was among the most active. In a moral point of view, some excuse might be found for his conduct; but with regard to the deserter, there was no excuse, moral, legal, or political. Deserters, it is well known, are always put to death; and, in order to save my property, I have no right to immolate the lives of my fellow creatures.

port of a large family of relatives. United States District Judge, District of Maryland, 1836-1852; Died in Baltimore.

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No mention is made anywhere of Hall's connection with this case. He is, however, the only J[ohn] E. Hall in the Baltimore directory for 1810, 1814-1815, where he is cited "att'y at law." See Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, 1915; Drake's Dictionary of American Biography, 1907; Herringshaw's American Biography, 1907; Philadelphia National Gazette, June 13, 1829; Philadelphia U. S. Gazette, June 13, 1829; The "Portfolio," Vol. 13, p. 190 (mentions Hall); Philadelphia Directory, 1819-1829; Baltimore Directory, 1810, 1814-1815.