Voluntarily and graciously absolve him from all further Servitude & declare and proclaim him by these presents a Freeman and Free dealer And to render his right of Freedom and Citizenship full and compleat and to invest him with the Qualification of Suffrage I have condescended to give Grant and Assign transfer and make over unto him the said James Taylor his heirs & Assigns fifty acres of Land Part of a Larger tract with its Rights Members and Appurtenances known and Called by the name of the Adventure the aſd Part thereof given and alloted to him lying and being Situate on the west side of Severn Run and contiguous and adjoining Charles Griffiths part of a Tract of Land called Partnership Begining for the Metes and Bounds of Said Parcel of Land given by me and allotted him as aſd at

South Twenty Degrees East 20 Pes South Eighty Degrees west Twenty Six Pes South ten Degrees East thirty two Pes South Twenty Degrees East Forty Eight Pes North Eighty five Degrees west Twenty Six Pes North Sixty Degrees west fifty Seven Pes North Twenty Degrees west Twenty Eight Pes North forty two Degrees East Ninety four Perches

To have and to hold the said parcel of Land unto him the said James Taylor to and for his proper use and Behoof and for none other whatsoever And the more effectually to engage the Sd Jas Taylor to continue in my family and to render us every service and Assistance in his Power by taking the Direction and Management of my negro slaves and supervising as an Overseer at my Different Plantations and lending his Aid to all necessary work to be done at them and carefully attending to and doing his Best Endeavours to preserve and encrease my stock of all kinds at them I have freely and bountiously consented and agreed and do hereby for myself Family and Children consent and agree to make and render unto Sd James as a further compensation for all his good acts done and hereafter to be done and performed by him in my family aſd in manner and Form as aſd an annual Salary of not less than Pounds and moreover to provide him suitable Board and lodging such as a trusty industrious and good Overseer Ought to have & receive And the said James in Consideration of the Premisses and the Terms above specified and assented and agreed to by him doth hereby covenant and contract to and with his Patron and Benefactor John Hammond aſd to abide & tarry with him & his family aſd until the youngest of his Children shall attain the age of Twenty one years or be married and to render all and singular the services and assistances which are in his power and carefully to superintend his negroes and Plantations and to take all possible Care of the Stock of every kind at them: And furthermore to lend his hand and Aid to all necessary work & Business required of him and to comply with all and singular the above engagements Entered into by him and to observe follow and perform all orders Directions & instructions given him by his Patron and Employer aſd or other Person in his family authorised to command and direct And lastly it is consented covenanted and agreed to by and between the parties aſd and the Sd James doth hereby consent covenant and agree that upon his Breach or Non Compliance with all or any of his Ingagments herein above mentioned and particularised a Forfiture of his Salary aſd shall commence and insue as also of the Land herein above given him and that it shall be lawfull for the said John Hammond his Children & (in Case of his Decease) to reenter and resesse to his and their proper use and Behoof the Tract of Land and premisses aſd any thing in this present Instrument of writing contained to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. In Witness whereof the Sd John Hammond hath set his hand and seal and the said James Taylor his mark & Seal this Eight Day of Janr

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