

John Howard }
 deed of manumission }
 To. }
 Harriet Howard }
 } of Anne Arundel County, in the
 } State of Maryland, divers good
 } causes and considerations in this unto moving as also
 } in consideration of the sum of five dollars to me in hand
 } paid, the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge, have
 } released from Slavery manumitted and set free, and
 } by these presents do release from Slavery manumitted and
 } set free forthwith my Negro woman named Harriet
 } Howard about forty years of age and able to gain a
 } sufficient livelihood and maintenance (she being
 } the same Negro woman purchased by me from
 } John S. Holland as by reference to bill of sale
 } dated 27th day of August 1846. and recorded among
 } the chattle records of Howard County, will more
 } fully shew) and her the said Harriet Howard
 } I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and
 } discharged from all manner of servitude or service
 } to me my heirs or executors and administrators
 } forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 } my hand and affixed my seal, this twentieth day
 } of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.
 } Signed, sealed and
 } delivered in the presence
 } of E. C. Lyons
 } W. H. Woottingham
 } F. C. Baylougher

John ^{his} Howard (Seal)
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Howard County to wit: On this twentieth day of
 May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and fifty four, before me the subscriber a
 justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and
 for Howard County, personally appeared the said John
 Howard party grantor to the foregoing deed of manu-
 mission and acknowledged the same to be his act
 and deed according to the true intent and meaning
 thereof, and I do further certify that I am satisfied
 of my own knowledge together with information
 given me that the said John Howard is the
 same person named and described as, and
 professing to be party grantor to the foregoing
 deed of manumission.

E. C. Lyons

Received on the a foregoing instrument of writing