of December 1831 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said City appears Perry G. Mercer Executor of Zachariah Roberts, deceased and Mary Roberts widow of said decd and acknowledged the above to be their act and deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof and the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided.

Acknowledged before Nathan Shipley

23/4 Recorded the 21st day of December 1831.

To all whom it may concern be it known that we Richard McChase and Robert Welch of Ben of the City of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations us thereunto moving as also in further consideration of five dollars current money to us in hand paid have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery liberate, manumit and set free, our negro man named Dennis Digges, being of the age of forty years or thereabouts, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him, the said negro man named Dennis Digges aforesaid, we do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to us our executors or administrators forever. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us
Wm Franklin, James Cleary

R. McChase (Sea)
R Welch of Ben (Sea)

At the foot of the aforegoing was thus written, to wit:
Received on this 24th day of Decemr 1831 the sum of