Edward Hughes } Be it remembered that the following Bill of
Paid Ef. from } Sale & Manumission was recorded on the 10th day
James Wallace } of March 1846, To Wit:

Recd & Ex. March 18 1846

This Instrument of Writing made this 23d February in the year Eighteen hundred & forty six, between James Wallace, administrator of Aaron Cook, of Dorchester County & State of Maryland, of the one part, and Edward Hughes, of the same County & State aforesaid, of the other part, Witnesseth, Whereas by an order of the Orphans Court of said County, the said James Wallace, as administrator aforesaid, was directed to sell and dispose of the Women and Children, at private sale, belonging to the Estate of the late Aaron Cook — And whereas, after having given more than three Weeks notice of said order, and the said Edward having become the highest and best bidder for the Negro Woman named Mary James and her two Children, Viz, Emily and her infant now unnamed, the said James Wallace hath agreed to execute these presents — Now this Instrument Witnesseth, that the said James Wallace, for and in consideration of the premises and the sum of one hundred Dollars, in hand paid, at and before the sealing & delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained & sold, and by these presents do bargain & sell unto the said Edward Hughes, the Negro Woman named Mary James, her daughter named Emily & her infant child, to serve the said Edward as slaves, the Mother untill the year Eighteen hundred and forty eight, and the children untill they respectively arrive at the age of twenty six years and then to be free. To have and to hold the aforesaid Negroes, above bargained & sold, or intended so to be, to the said Edward Hughes, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the term of servitude as aforesaid — And the said James Wallace, Adm.r aforesaid have put the said Edward in full & complete possession of all the Negroes aforesaid, at and before the sealing & delivery of these presents hereby bargained & sold unto the said Edward Hughes as aforesaid. In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names & affixed our seals, on the first & second part respectively, on the day & year above written.

James Wallace Adm.r of A. Cook party of the first part (Seal)
Edward Hughes party of the second part (Seal)

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, To Wit: Be it remembered [redacted] it is hereby Certified that on this ninth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred & forty six, before the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Dorchester County, personally appeared James Wallace, Adm.r of Aaron Cook, party of the first part of the foregoing instrument of Writing, and Edward Hughes party