

have released of Slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free my Negro Man named Benjamin Jennifer, being of the age of forty four years, and within and under the age of forty five years, of healthy Constitution, sound in mind & body, and Capable, by Labour, to procure to himself a sufficient maintenance in food & raiment, and him the said Negro Man named Benjamin Jennifer, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me my Executors or administrators forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty six.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of us
 Wm. W. LeCompte - Jos. E. Muse & 3
 Anne H. Bayly (Seal)

On this thirtieth day of December in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty six, personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Dorchester County, the within named Anne H. Bayly, party grantor in the foregoing deed of Manumission, and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, to the intent and purpose therein mentioned.

Wm. W. LeCompte J. P. (Seal)

Exam. of del. to Robert B. Spaden April 6th 1849.

Robert B. Spaden } Be it remembered that the following Bill of Sale
 of } from } was recorded on the 31st day of December 1846, to wit:
 Delia Byres }
 Stamp } Know all men by these presents that I
 one dol. } Delia Byres of Dorchester County in the
 State of Maryland, for and in consideration of the sum of Five
 hundred dollars, current money of the United States, to me in hand
 paid by Robert B. Spaden of the same County and State aforesaid,
 the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, hath granted, bargained
 and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said
 Robert B. Spaden, his heirs and assigns forever, the following Negroes,
 that is to say, Margaret, a woman aged about twenty four years,
 Mary Ann, a girl aged about six years, Edward, a Boy aged about
 five years, David, a boy aged about three years, and Ann Eliza, a
 girl aged about eight months. To have and to hold the said Negroes
 above mentioned, unto the said Robert B. Spaden, his heirs & assigns
 forever, to the only proper use and behoof of the said Robert B.
 Spaden, his heirs and assigns forever - And the said Delia Byres
 for herself, her heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant,
 grant, promise and agree with the said Robert B. Spaden, his