

shall well and truly pay to the said James A Stewart the sum of one hundred and sixty Dollars with interest due thereon in the following manner to wit the sum of one hundred Dollars in twelve months from date and the sum of sixty Dollars in eighteen months from date with all the interest due thereon then this obligation to be void, and provided that if the said James Geoghegan shall fail to make the said payments according to the foregoing stipulation, then I hereby authorize and empower the said James A Stewart or Traverses W. Holly without further proof to take possession of the said negro slaves, and make sale of them or either of them to the best advantage from the proceeds to pay of the said claim and after allowing five per cent commissions on the said sales and deducting any other expenses they or either of them may incur to pay the balance over to me my heirs and admors or assigns or the said James A Stewart may adopt any other legal or equitable course he may think proper do as to have his said claim discharged and for the payment and better security of the said claim the said James Geoghegan has on this day executed his obligation to said Stewart with the said Traverses W. Holly as security for the payment of the said one hundred and sixty Dollars upon which payment is to be entered up at the next term of Dorchester County Court. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th February 1847.

Robt. Robert Bell

James Geoghegan

Dorchester County to wit on this 18th February 1847 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County James Geoghegan and acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be his act and deed. Acknowledged before —

Robert Bell J. P.

Alexander Wilson
 Et. to
 William Stevens and

Be it remembered that the following Deed of Manumission was recorded on the 6th day of March 1847, to wit:

I know all men by these presents that I Alexander Wilson of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving, have released from Slavery, liberated, manumitted and forever set free, and by these presents do hereby liberate, manumit and forever set free, my negro man called William Stevens, aged about thirty five years, and found in mind and body, hereby acknowledging the said Negro Man called William Stevens discharged from me, my Executors and Administrators, from and after this date. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of March 1847.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
 Robert Bell J. P. Francis A. Stewart.

Alexander Wilson
 by Wilson
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Dec 12 1847
 M. D. C.