

before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid (he being the party granted within named) and a certificate the within bill of sale or instrument of writing to be his act and deed and the goods and chattels and other the premises therein mentioned and therein bargained and sold to be the right and property of the within named Wm. McLean and the party granted his heirs and assigns forever according to the proper true intent and meaning of the said Bill of sale or instrument of writing and the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided taken and certified the day and year above written

William Newton

Thomas H. Beckett Do it remembered that the following manuscript was received on the day and date 18th Dec. 1843

To Negro William

All persons to whom it doth or may concern: Be it known that I Thomas H. Beckett of the County of Onchester and State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free from and after the first day of January, which will be in the year of our Lord eight hundred and forty three three negro man slaves belonging to me and now in my possession by the name of William whose true name she may be known or called being at this ^{time} of the age of thirty five years and the said negro man slave named William I do declare to be these parts that is to say from and after the said first day of January, in the year of our Lord 1843 free and manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me my executors or administrators and from all manner of claim, or right of claim of servitude or service by me my executors or administrators provided - Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this second day of January in the year of our Lord 1843

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Thomas H. Beckett Seal

Samuel Turley
Thos. H. Hicks