

five years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said Negro Man, Mons Manskey, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me my Executors or Administrators, forever. -
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of September Eighteen hundred & forty seven.
 Wm. Shirley - Wm. LeCompte. Anthony C. Thompson Seal

On this seventh day of September 1847, personally appeared, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for Dorchester County and State aforesaid, and acknowledged the within and of Manumission to be his act and deed for the true intent and meaning thereof, as witness my hand & seal the day and date above written.
 Wm. LeCompte J. P.

Mary P. Ford } Be it remembered that the following Deed of
 to Ex. } Manumission was made September 13th 1847, to wit:
 Negro Garrison } To all whom it may concern, be it known that I Mary
 P. Ford of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland,
 for divers good causes & considerations me therunto moving, as also in fur-
 ther consideration of one dollar, current money, to me 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, my Negro
 lad named Garrison, being of the age of seventeen years, and able to work
 and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, provided the said
 named Negro serve me, my heirs or Assigns, faithfully, untill he
 is forty one years of age, after which term of servitude I do declare
 the said named Negro had to be thereafter free, manumitted & discharged
 from all manner of servitude or service to me, my heirs or Assigns, for
 ever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
 seal this Eighteenth day of August 1847.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
 C. W. Bourwood - Thomas P. Wheeler

Mary P. Ford Seal

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, To wit:
 On this eighteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord 1847, person-
 ally appears Mary P. Ford, party to the within instrument of writing
~~of Manumission~~, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of
 Maryland for the said County, and acknowledges the same to be her
 act and deed for the purposes within mentioned, and the Negro lad
 within named, after he shall have served untill he is forty one
 years of age, to be thereafter manumitted and discharged from all
 services to her, or to any claiming under her, and to be free and