

have hereunto set our hands and affixed seals this thirly first day of
December Eighteen hundred & fifty.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the
presence of William H. Barton

Mr. J. Farguherson Seal,
Francis P. Phelps Seal

Maryland, Dorchester County, To Wit: On the thirly first day of December in
the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty, personally appeared
before me, a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, the within named John
J. Farguherson and acknowledged the within Bill of sale to be his act & deed,
according to the purport, true intent & meaning of the same: And at the
same time came before me Francis P. Phelps within mentioned, and made
Oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God that the consideration set forth
in this Bill of sale is true & bona fide as therein set forth, according to
the true meaning of the Act of Assembly of 1846 Chapter 271, made
and provided. Acknowledged before William H. Barton.

Received the 31st day of December 1850 of J^r Francis P. Phelps the
sum of one dollar in lieu of a stamp on this Bill of sale.
Wm Jackson Clk.

Francis P. Phelps, Be it remembered & it is hereby certified that the fol-
lowing Bill of sale was recorded on the 1st day of
January in the year 1851, to Wit:
This instrument of writing made this first day of
January Anno Domini Eighteen hundred & fifty one, between Anthony C. Thompson
of Dorchester County & State of Maryland, of the one part, and Francis P. Phelps
of the same County & State of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Anthony
C. Thompson, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred & seventy five
dollars, current money, to him in hand paid by the said Francis, hath bar-
gained and sold, and by these presents do bargain & sell unto the said Francis
P. Phelps, a negro girl named & called Rebecca Sprigs aged nineteen years
on the first of January 1851, and to serve the said Francis untill she is
forty four years of age, that is to say, till the first of January 1876
and then to be free, according to the terms & provisions of my late Father
Anthony Thompson's Will. For and in consideration of the premises above
mentioned, the said Anthony C. Thompson guarantees the title to the said
girl and warrants her to be of sound health & Constitution and a slave
untill the period above specified for her to be free. In Witness whereof we
have hereunto set our hands & seals the day and year first above written.
Witness
Charles Corkran.
A. C. Thompson Seal,
Francis P. Phelps Seal

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, To Wit: Be it remembered and it is