

the age of sixteen years of age - give her Twenty dollars in Cash and trash or Curren<sup>cy</sup> to be fully instructed in Housewifery and the said Girl Elizabeth is to serve the said John Willis faithfully to serve. In witness whereof the said Justice on the part of the State have set their hands & seals and the said John Willis hath also set his hand & seal October 20<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Intimation of the words "her" and "years of age" made before mention. Witnesses from Recd } John Willis Seal } Thomas Barwood Seal } John W. Dail Seal } Algernon Thomas Seal }

Rhoda Cornish for. Be it remembered that the following Act of Manumission was recorded on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1857, to wit: To all whom it doth or may concern be it known that I Rhoda Cornish free Coloured Woman of Dorchester County and State of Maryland for divers good causes & considerations me therunto moving do hereby release from slavery, liberate manumit & set free from after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1857 one Negro Man slave belonging to me and now in my possession by the name of Jesse or by whatever name he may be known or called being at this time about twenty one years of age and the said Negro Man slave named Jesse I do declare therewith that is to say from and after the day & date aforesaid to be free manumitted & discharged from all manner of servitude or service to my executors or administrators forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty first day of October A.D. 1857.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of } Rhoda Cornish Seal } Charles Corkran - Charles L. Hooper }

Dorchester County Set: Be it remembered that on this twenty first day of October A. D. 1857 personally appears Rhoda Cornish free Coloured Woman, party to the within instrument of writing 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. Acknowledged before Charles Corkran J.P.