

Acknowledged and sworn to before

Wm. W. Pattison J. J.

1855 Recd, of Doctr. W. A. Smith one Dollar in lieu of a Stamp on this Bill of Sale

F. J. Henry Clerk

Delivered June 11th 1855 to John G. Stapleford

Cordelia Lake
from
John Elliott admr. of
Jason Elliott

Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that the following Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty five, to wit:
Know all men by these presents that J. John Elliott administrator of Jason Elliott of Dorchester County and state of Maryland for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and Sixty dollars current money of Maryland to me in hand paid by Cordelia Lake of said County and State before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said John Elliott admr. of Jason Elliott by order of the orphans court of said County has granted bargained sold Conveyed and Confirmed and by these presents doth bargain sell convey and transfer unto the said Cordelia Lake her heirs and assigns forever, one negro girl named Elizabeth aged about twenty six years a slave for life and now in the possession of the said Cordelia Lake. To Have and To Hold the above described negro girl Elizabeth unto the said Cordelia Lake her heirs and assigns forever and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever against me the said John Elliott admr. of Jason Elliott and my heirs and against all persons whatsoever Claiming the said negro girl Elizabeth. In testimony whereof the said John Elliott admr. of Jason Elliott has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this the twentieth day of March Eighteen Hundred and Fifty five

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
D. W. Tyler

John Elliott admr. Seal
of Jason Elliott

The State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

Be it Remembered and it is hereby Certified that on the twentieth day of March in the year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty five before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County personally appeared John Elliott admr. of Jason Elliott the party grantor in the above and aforesaid Bill of Sale and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and delivered the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on the same day before me the Justice aforesaid, personally appeared Cordelia Lake the party grantee named in the aforesaid Bill of Sale and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the Consideration mentioned in the aforesaid Bill of Sale is true and bona fide as therein set forth

Acknowledged and Sworn before D. W. Tyler

1855 March the 20th Received of Cordelia Lake the sum of one dollar in lieu of a Stamp on this Bill of Sale

F. J. Henry Clerk