

day of April Eighteen Hundred & fifty five, before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace of
 the state of Maryland in & for Dorchester County aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Lambden
 & Margaret his wife & Aaron Warfield they being known to me to be the persons who are named and described
 as and professing to be the parties to the foregoing Bill of Sale or instrument of writing, and do severally acknowledge
 the said Bill of Sale or instrument of writing to be their respective act & deed, the said Margaret Lambden
 having signed and sealed said Bill of Sale before me out of the presence and hearing of her husband
 and the said Margaret Lambden being by me examined out of the presence and hearing of her said
 husband whether she doth execute & acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily, and without being
 induced to do so by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband or by fear of his displeasure, declareth
 saith that she doth. In testimony whereof we hereunto subscribe our names on the day and year
 aforesaid — Acknowledged Before —

And also at the same time personally appeared, Aaron Warfield made oath on the holy Evangel
 of Almighty God, that the Consideration therein mentioned is true & bona fide
 Acknowledged before Wm W. Pattison J.P

Thomas Lambden wife & Margaret Lambden his wife of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland,
 said To & Affa Stevens Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the following Deed of
 Manumission was received and recorded on the 16th day of April in the year
 of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty five to wit:

To all whom it may Concern, be it known that we
 Thomas Lambden & Margaret Lambden his wife of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland,
 for divers good Causes and Considerations, we thereunto moving, have released from Slavery liberated,
 manumitted, and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery, liberate, manumit,
 and set free, our negro woman Affa Stevens being of the age of Twenty Seven years, and able to
 work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and let the said negro woman, named
 Affa Stevens, we do declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged from all manner
 of Service or Servitude to us, our executors or administrators forever —

In witness whereof we hereunto subscribe our names and affix our Seals this ninth
 day of April Eighteen Hundred and fifty five
 Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of
 Wm W. Pattison, Jas. L. Bryan
 Thomas Lambden (Seal)
 Margaret Lambden (Seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
 Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified, that on this ninth day of April in the
 year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred fifty five, before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the
 peace of the state of Maryland, in & for Dorchester County aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas
 Lambden & Margaret his wife, they being known to me to be the persons who are named & described
 as & professing to be the parties to the foregoing deed of Manumission & do severally acknowledge the
 said deed or instrument of writing to be their respective act and deed, the said Margaret Lambden
 having signed and sealed said Deed of Manumission before me, out of the presence and hearing
 of her husband, and the said Margaret Lambden being by me examined, out of the presence and
 hearing of her said husband, whether she doth execute & acknowledge the same freely and vol-
 untarily, and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or
 by fear of his displeasure, declareth and saith that she doth. In testimony whereof we hereunto subscribe
 our names on the day and year aforesaid — Acknowledged before — Wm W. Pattison J.P