I Henrietta Brannock (administratrix of Thomas Brannock deceased) of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred and thirty Six dollars current money of Maryland, to me in hand paid by William Spedden of the same county and State aforesaid, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents Do grant bargain and sell unto the said William Spedden, his heirs, executors administrators, and assigns, one negro woman named Julia Ann aged about Thirty Two years a Slave for life, one negro child named Rachel (daughter of said Julia Ann) aged about Eighteen months, a Slave for life. [both of which said negroes Julia Ann and Rachel were sold by the said Henrietta Brannock administratrix as aforesaid, to William Spedden on the Seventeenth day of September Eighteen Hundred and fifty five in pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County passed on the 10th day of September Eighteen Hundred and fifty five] To Have and To Hold the said described negroes Julia Ann and Rachel to the said William Spedden his heirs executors, administrators, and assigns forever. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twenty Seventh day of May Eighteen Hundred and fifty Six

Henrietta her X mark Brannock (Seal)
Administratrix

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Charles Parkran J.P.

Delivered to Wm Spedden June 28th 1856

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

Be it remembered, that on this Twenty Seventh day of May Eighteen Hundred and fifty Six, before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Henrietta Brannock, administratrix of Thomas Brannock, and acknowledged the foregoing Bill of Sale or instrument of writing to be her act and deed — In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, on the day and year aforesaid

Acknowledged before Charles Parkran J.P.

John S. Staplefort
from
Samuel McCready
Andrew McCready &
William Dayton

Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that . . . the following Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 26th day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Six, to wit:

Know all men by these presents, that we Samuel McCready, Andrew McCready, William Dayton and _____ of Dorchester county in the State of Maryland, for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars current money of Maryland, to us in hand paid by John S. Staplefort of the same county and State aforesaid, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof we the said Samuel McCready, Andrew McCready, William Dayton do hereby acknowledge, have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, unto the said John S. Staplefort his