

said negro man being a slave for life. Witness my hand and seal this sixteenth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty

Jest Zebedee Harper  
Jest William Gootie

John E. Gootie Seal

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 16th, day of Jan'y. in the year Eighteen hundred & sixty. personally appeared before me, the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for Dorchester County of state aforesaid John E. Gootie and acknowledged the aforesaid bill of Sale to be his act: and at the same time before me also appeared Washington Gootie, Jr. and made oath in due form of Law that the consideration in the said bill of Sale is true and bona fide as therein set forth

Zebedee Harper, J.P.

George Hart  
v From  
William L. Meekins

Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the following Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1860, to wit: -

Know all men by these presents, that I, William L. Meekins, of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars Current Money: to me in hand paid, by George Hart of Dorchester County, in the said State, at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof I, the said William L. Meekins, do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell, unto the said George Hart, his executors, administrators, and assigns, my negro girl Minta aged seven years, To have and to hold said Negro girl a servant for life. Above bargained and sold, or mentioned and intended to be, do to the said George Hart, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for ever: and I, the said William L. Meekins, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, the said Negro girl Minta unto the said George Hart, his executors, administrators and assigns, against me the said William L. Meekins, my executors and administrators, and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Jest Henry C. Woodland  
Leticia A. Woodland

William L. Meekins Seal

State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit,

Be it remembered, and it is hereby Certified, that on this twenty seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Dorchester County personally appears William L. Meekins party to the foregoing bill of Sale, and doth acknowledge the said indenture or instrument of writing, to be his act and deed, In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

Taken and acknowledged before

Henry C. Woodland. J.P.