

State of Maryland Howard County set,  
 on this eighteenth day of March eighteen  
 hundred and fifty six before me the sub-  
 scriber one of the Justices of the Peace in  
 and for the said County appears John  
 Elder and acknowledged the aforego-  
 ing writing to be his act and deed ac-  
 cording to the purport true intent and  
 meaning thereof and the act of  
 Assembly in such case made and provided.

John Ridgely (J. Jus)

State of Maryland, Howard County to wit.  
 On this eighteenth day of March eight-  
 teen hundred and fifty six before the  
 subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and  
 for the County aforesaid personally  
 appeared Rebecca Elder and made  
 oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty  
 God that John Elder who executed the  
 foregoing Instrument was before and  
 at the time of the execution thereof was  
 justly and bonifidly indebted to her the  
 said Rebecca Elder in the sum of three  
 hundred dollars, and for which said  
 sum the said Instrument is inten-  
 ded to secure.

Sworn to before John Ridgely (J. Jus)  
 Received to be recorded on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
 March 1856. at 1/4 past 4 o'clock P. M. Same  
 day recorded and examined per

W. H. Worthington Ck.

John W. Shorts. I know all men by these  
 Bill of Sale to 3 presents that I John W.  
 Mathews of Howard County,  
 in the state of Maryland, for  
 and in consideration of the sum of forty  
 five dollars current money, to me in  
 hand paid by William Mathews of  
 Howard County in the said state, at  
 8 before the sealing and delivering of  
 these presents, the receipt whereof  
 I, the said John W. Shorts, do hereby  
 acknowledge, have granted, bargained,  
 and sold, and by these presents do