


Bill of Sale of Negroes  
from Andrew J. Phelps  
adm<sup>r</sup> of James Phelps  
to  
Randolph S. Cromwell

Know all Men by these presents that  
I Andrew J. Phelps administrator of  
James Phelps deceased of Anne Arundel  
County and State of Maryland for and  
consideration of the sum of seven hundred

and sixty two Dollars lawfull money of the United States in hand paid  
by Randolph S. Cromwell of said County and State 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 Randolph S. Cromwell his executors adm  
inistrators, and assigns Four Negroes Slaves for life to wit Moses a man  
aged about forty three years Linda a woman aged about forty two years and  
two children of the said Linda (boys) One aged about five years the other  
aged three years, the said Negroes being slaves for life and formerly the  
property of James Phelps of Anne Arundel County now deceased,

To Have and to hold the said described negro slaves for life to  
the said Randolph S. Cromwell his executors administrators and  
Assigns forever and I the said Andrew J. Phelps administrator as  
aforesaid for my self my heirs executors and administrators the said  
Negro slaves for life unto the said Randolph S. Cromwell his & execut  
ors Administrators and assigns against me the said Andrew J.  
Phelps Administrator as aforesaid 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  
day of May Eighteen Hundred and forty Eight -  
Signed sealed and delivered

In the presence of Andrew J. Phelps adm<sup>r</sup>   
W<sup>m</sup> Hawkins

State of Maryland

Be it Remembered that On this twenty second day of May 1848  
before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Appears Andr  
ew J. Phelps administrator of James Phelps and acknowledges  
the above instrument of writing to be his act and deed according to the  
true intent and meaning thereof -

And at the same time and appeared before me Randolph S.  
Cromwell the donee named in the above bill of Sale and made  
Oath in due form of law that the consideration set forth in said bill  
of Sale is true and bona fide as therein set forth -

W<sup>m</sup> Hawkins J.P.