

and in consideration of the sum of five dollars current money, to me in hand paid by Frank H. Stockett of the City of Annapolis, and State aforesaid, at and 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 Frank H. Stockett, his executors, administrators and assigns, my negro man called Sam Jones, now hired to M^{rs} Matilda E. Green of said city to have and to hold the said negro man a slave for life above bargained and sold, or mentioned, or intended to be, unto the said Frank H. Stockett, his executors, administrators and assigns, in trust nevertheless, to and for the use of my daughter Ellen Stockett, after, and from the period of the termination of my natural life, and reserving unto myself the full and absolute control of said negro man, during said period, with authority to employ his services, and to take, receive and enjoy his hire or wages, and apply the same in such manner as I may deem best, as fully, as if these presents had not been executed, and it is hereby further declared and provided that nothing herein shall be construed, to render the said Frank H. Stockett, his heirs, executors, or administrators, liable for any beyond their actual receipt, the intent of the parties hereto being that the said Joseph H. Stockett, during his natural life shall have the full authority, control and possession of said negro man, with the privilege of employing or disposing of his services, or his wages or hire, at his own discretion, so far forth as may be consistent, with the terms of this trust, and from and after said period, in compliance with the expressed wishes of the late wife of said Joseph H. Stockett, to whom said negro man formerly belonged, to permit the said Ellen Stockett to dispose of said negro man in such manner as she may deem best. In witness whereof, I the said Joseph H. Stockett, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of November in the year 1850
 Signed sealed and delivered } Ios: H. Stockett (Seal)
 in presence of J. W. Hunter

State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County, to wit: On this twenty-first day of November, in the year 1850, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County personally appeared the above named Joseph H. Stockett, who is personally known to me to be the identical person named