

thousand eight hundred and fifty one a certain writ of the State of Maryland usually  
 denominated a writ of fiend facias was issued by James S. Owens a Justice of the  
 peace of the said State in and for the said County to the said John E. Gardner con-  
 stable as aforesaid directed reciting that "Whereas before the subscriber a Justice of  
 the peace of the said State in and for the said County on the twentieth day of June anno  
 domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty one a certain James Kent for the use of  
 Bennett & Thomas by judgment of the said Justice recovered against John W. Green-  
 well as well the sum of forty two <sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars with interest from the first day of June anno  
 domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty one as well as the sum of ninety seven cents  
 for his cost and charges by him about this suit in that behalf laid out and expended  
 the said constable (or otherwise by the said writ of fiend facias commanded that  
 of the goods and chattels lands and tenements of the said John W. Greenwell he shall  
 cause to be made and lined the debt damages costs and charges aforesaid and  
 that he shall have these sums before the said Justice on the twenty fourth day of  
 August then next to come unto the said James Kent use of Bennett & Thomas the  
 debt damages costs and charges aforesaid and also that the said constable should  
 have thousand three that writ and whereas the said writ came to the hands of the said  
 constable on the fourth day of July anno domini one thousand eight hundred  
 and fifty one the date thereof and in virtue thereof and in pursuance of the command  
 therein contained the said constable laid the same upon a negro woman named  
 Easter and did seize and take into execution the said negro woman Easter as  
 the property of the said John W. Greenwell in or to which he had a right title property  
 claim and demand at Law or in Equity and whereas the said constable after  
 giving the due and legal notice required by the act of Assembly in such cases made  
 and provided of the time place manner and terms of sale did on the twentieth day  
 of August anno domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty one a respectable bench  
 of twelve men and a justice of the peace do public sale to the highest bidder for cash all the right title  
 property claim and demand at Law and in equity of the said John W. Greenwell  
 in and to the said negro woman Easter, and the said Anna E. Thomas being then and  
 there the highest bidder became the purchaser thereof for the price or sum of fifty two  
<sup>6</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars. Now this Bill of Sale witnesseth that in pursuance of the premises and  
 for and in consideration of the sum of fifty two <sup>6</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars which the said John E.  
 Gardner constable as aforesaid in hand paid by the said Anna E. Thomas at and  
 before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the constable doth  
 hereby acknowledge he the said John E. Gardner constable as aforesaid hath  
 bargain and sold and by these presents doth as fully and effectually as he law-  
 fully may own bargain and sell release and confirm unto the said Anna E.  
 Thomas all the right title interest property claim and demand at Law and in  
 Equity of the said John W. Greenwell in and to the said negro woman Easter who was  
 liable to be sold under the said writ and which he the said John E. Gardner  
 constable as aforesaid might or could lawfully sell by force of said writ. To have