

for these good causes and weighty considerations I the said Ann Howard for myself, my heirs administrators and assigns for ever doth hereby agree to discharge and set free my negroes in manner and form as follows. To wit; First my negro man by the name of Williby to go free at my death, secondly my negro woman by the name of Rebecca to be free at my death, Thirdly, my negro girl by the name of Eliza to be free at my death, and all the increase that may spring from my negro Rebecca or Eliza to serve me. The males untill they thirty and the female children untill they are Twenty five, throughout their generations unless I the said Ann Howard should die without Issue, and if I do then all the increase of the said Rebecca and Eliza are to be free the male children at the age of Twenty one and all the female children at the age of sixteen years and I do hereby for myself, my heirs executors administrators and assigns warrant and defend the freedom of the said negroes and every of them hereby emancipated against the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever claiming or that shall claim the above said negroes or any right or Title to any of them after the dates above mentioned. As witness I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this first day of January Eighteen hundred and Two.

Signed Sealed and delivered  
In the presents of,  
Walter Worthington  
Mary Howard

her  
Ann + Howard Seal  
mark

on the back of the aforesaid was thus endorsed  
Ann Arundel City. I certify that the within named Ann Howard came before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for aforesaid County and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to