

Jacob as a reward for his uniform good
conduct since he has been my property. And
therefore know all men by these presents
that I do hereby manumit liberate and set
free the said negro man named Jacob and
do hereby release and discharge him from
all kind of servitude or bondage to me and
all and every person or persons who shall
or may or who might claim him by from
or under me. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this
third day of June in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and
Two

Signed Sealed and delivered

In the presence of
Richard Merriken
Mary Merriken

Horatio Ridout Seal

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed,
Anne Arundel County to wit, on this third day
of June anno Domini one thousand eight
hundred and Two the within named Horatio
Ridout personally appeared before me
the subscriber one of the Justices of the
peace for the County aforesaid and acknowledged
the within instrument of writing to be his act
and deed according to the act of assembly in
such case made and provided.

Recorded ^{Ed} 3 June 1802 Richard Merriken

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