

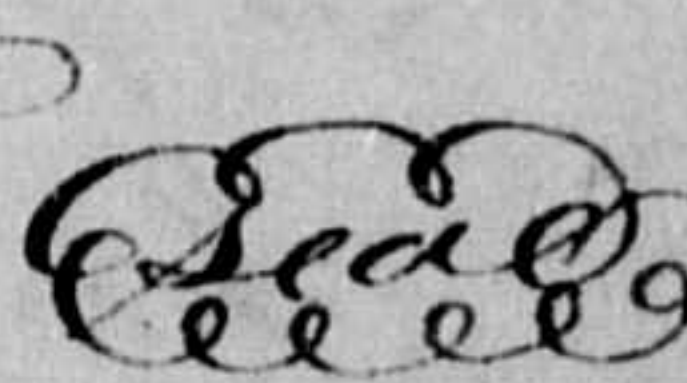
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 I John Ashton of the County of Anne Arundel in the
 State of Maryland do hereby set free from bondage
 my negro man named Ragus Berry aged
 about thirty two years, and do for myself, my
 executors and administrators release unto the said
 Ragus Berry all my right and all claim
 whatsoever as to his person, or to any estate he
 may acquire, hereby declaring the said Ragus
 Berry absolutely free without any interruption
 from me or any person claiming under me.
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal this Twentieth day of April
 in the year of our lord one Thousand Eight
 Hundred and Two

Sealed and delivered

In the presence of

Allen Luyenn

Thomas Harwood

John Ashton 

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed by
 State of Maryland ff. On the 20th day of April in the year
 of our lord 1802. personally appeared before me
 the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace
 for Anne Arundel County John Ashton party to the
 above instrument of writing who acknowledged
 the said instrument to be his act and
 deed, and the signature and seal
 thereto annexed to be respectively his.

Recorded 26 May 1802 -

Allen Luyenn