

of Justice as thereout.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed the public
 seal of my Office, this fifteenth
 day of August eighteen hundred and
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Upton Beall Esq.

Montgomery County Court

Recorded 18th day of August 1803 —

Ed: Br It remembered by all persons whom it may
 concern that I Nicholas Matthews of Ann
 Arundel County in the State of Maryland do hereby
 manumit and set free from bondage the
 following negro to wit. Stephen Matthews
 aged about twenty three years and do for
 myself, my heirs Executors and administrators
 release unto the said negro all my
 right claim and demand whatsoever
 as to his person or to any and all Estate
 he may hereafter acquire. Thereby
 declaring the said negro Stephen
 Matthews to be absolutely free from
 the day of the date hereof without any
 interruption from me or from any
 person claiming under me. In Testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my seal this Eighth day
 of August in the year 1803.

Signed Sealed & delivered

In presence of

Walter Worthington

His
 Nicholas + Matthews
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