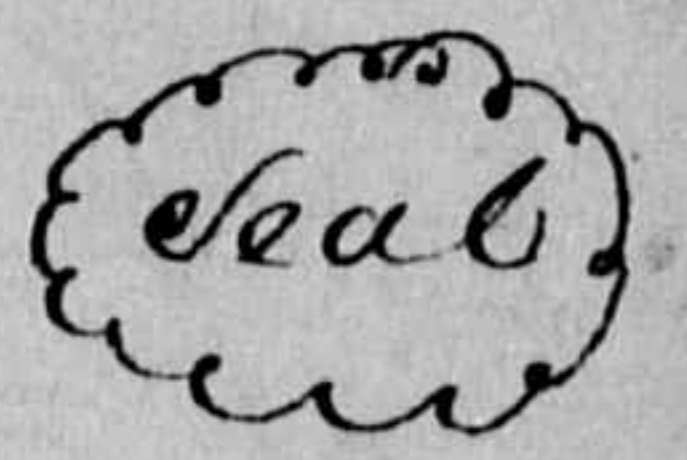


my right claims and demands whatsoever as to his person or to any and all estate he may hereafter acquire. I hereby declaring the said negro Stephen Mathews to be absolutely free from the day of the date thereof without any interruption from me, or from any person claiming under me In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of Aug^t in the year 1803.

Sign'd Sealed & delivered
In presence of
Walter Worthington
Cha^s G. Dorsey

his
Nicholas Mathews
marks



on the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed (Vizt) Ann Arundel County to wit, On this nineteenth day of August 1803. came Nicholas Mathews before me the subscribers a Justice of peace for bauntys aff^d and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be his act and deed and the negro therein named to be absolutely free according to the true intent and meaning of the same instrument of writing and the law in that case made and provided.

acknowledged before
Walter Worthington

Recorded the 19th day of September 1803.

Howard Duwall } To all whom it may concern, be it known that I Howard Duwall of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving as also in the