

therein mentioned and the negro woman within named  
to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from  
all services to him or to any claiming under him  
and to be free and manumitted according to the  
act of assembly in such case made and provided.

acknowledged before

Lewis Drwall

Recorded the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1804—

Ex. To all whom it may concern Be it known that I  
Margaret Sprigg of Ann Arundel County in the State  
of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations  
me therunto moving) and also in further consideration  
of one hundred Dollars current money to me in hand  
said have released from slavery liberated manumitted  
and set free and by these presents do release from  
slavery liberate manumit and set free my negro  
woman named Beck being of the age of thirty  
years and able to work and gain a sufficient  
livelihood and maintenance and her the said  
negro woman named Beck I do declare to  
be henceforth free manumitted and discharged  
from all manner of servitude or service to me  
my executors or administrators forever. In Testimony  
whereof I have herunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year  
of our lord Eighteen hundred and Three—

Signed Sealed and delivered

In the presence of us

John J. Mercer

John Mercer

Margaret Sprigg 