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To all whom it may concern be it known that Joseph Court  
of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland under good  
cause & considerations me therunto moving as also in further con-  
sideration of twenty dollars to me in hand paid have released  
from Slavery liberated manumitted & set free and by these pre-  
sents do hereby release manumit & set free my negro Child named  
Mary Ann, daughter of my negro Woman Banny, of the age of twen-  
ty months, and for the said Mary Ann I do declare to be hence-  
forth free manumitted & discharged from all manner of servitude or  
service to me my Executors or Administrators forever. In Witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this thir-  
teenth day of February eighteen hundred & five

Signed, sealed and del-  
ivered in the presence of us  
Benjamin Barr  
John A D Lane

Joseph Court 

On the back of the foregoing

was thus endorsed 1795

It is remembered that on the  
19<sup>th</sup> day of February eighteen hundred & five personally appears  
Joseph Court party to the within instrument of writing before me  
the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and  
acknowledged the same to be his act & deed for the purposes within  
mentioned according to the true intent & meaning thereof and  
the act of Assembly in such case and provided . . . .

Recorded the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1800 Charles D. Hodges

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