

Know all men by these presents that I Hercules a free negro of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations of thirty pounds current money to me in hand paid have released from Slavery liberated manumitted and set free and by the presents do hereby liberate manumit and set free my negro woman named Murrer and her two daughters Rachel and Eliza being under the age of forty five years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance; which said negro Murrer and her daughter Rachel I purchased of Mr Henry Malt Dorsey on the fifteenth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight and the said Eliza was born about the month of June next after I purchased her said mother) and her the said Murrer and her daughters Rachel and Eliza I do declare to be henceforth free and discharged from all manner of service or service to me my Executors or Administrators forever

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and five  
Signed Seal & delivered

In the presence of  
 W D Covane }  
 Same J Donaldson }  
 Negro Hercules <sup>his</sup> (Seal)  
 mark

On the back of the foregoing was thus Endorsed  
 Anne Arundel County Set

On this day of 1805  
 personally