

personally appears before me the subscriber a Justice of the
 Peace for the County aforesaid the above mentioned free negro
 Hercules and Acknowledge the above Instrument of writ-
 ting to be his Act and deed according to the true intent &
 meaning thereof

Acknowledged before
 Rec^d the 22nd October 1805. I Cromwell

Exam^d

Deed of Manumission

To all whom it may concern, be it known that I
 Mary James of Anne Arundel County in the State of Mary-
 land for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto
 moving, as also in further consideration of five shillings
 current money to me in hand paid, have released from slavery
 liberated manumitted and set free and by these presents do
 hereby release from slavery, liberate manumit and set free
 my negro boy named Will being of the age of twenty
 years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood
 and maintenance and him the said negro boy named
 Will. I do declare to be henceforth free manumitted and
 discharged from all manner of servitudes or service to me
 my Executors or administrators for ever, In Testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and ^{affixed my} seal this 21st
 day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight
 hundred and five

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of us { Mary James
 William Wotton
 John W. Dwall
 Her
 Mark

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