

persons or to any Estate may acquire hereby declaring  
the aforesaid Negroes absolutely free without any  
interruption from me or any persons claiming under me  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
Seal this 20 day of May one thousand seven hundred  
and Ninety nine

Sealed & delivered

Eleanor F. Giddhall (Seal)

in presence of  
Ezekiel Jacob  
John <sup>Esq</sup> Sullivan  
<sub>merchant</sub>

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed viz  
Ann Arundel County Court, On the 20 day of May 1799  
Eleanor Giddhall personally appeared before me the  
Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of the County  
aforesaid and acknowledged the within instrument of  
writing to be her act and Deed & the Negroes within  
mentioned to be manumitted and free agreeable to the  
act of assembly in that behalf made & provided

Recorded 20 May 1799

Allen Dwyer

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William Franklin & William Franklin of Ann Arundel  
County in the State of Maryland  
Do hereby set free from bondage on the twenty fifth  
day of December next ensuing the date hereof my  
Negro Man named Nick aged about thirty seven  
years also my Negro Man named Caesar age  
about forty years also my Negro Woman named  
Hannah aged about thirty seven years also my  
Negro Woman named Sook aged about twenty seven  
years,