

Claiming under me In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and Seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Year of  
 our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine  
 Seated Belvidere in the presence of Elizabeth Merritt (Seal)  
 James MacArthur  
 Lewis Sewall

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed by  
 Ann Arundell County then came the within named  
 Elizabeth Merritt before me one of the Justices of the  
 peace for the County aforesaid and acknowledged the  
 within Instrument of writing to be her Act and Deed  
 according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made &  
 provided

Recorded 20 August 1799 James MacArthur

Benjamin Lane knows all Men by these presents that  
 Peter <sup>to</sup> Hawkins & Benjamin Lane of Ann Arundell County  
 and State of Maryland for divers good Causes and  
 Considerations unto myself known have liberated &  
 discharged and by these presents for myself  
 my Executors and Administrators liberate release  
 and forever discharge my Negro Man named  
 Peter Hawkins about twenty years of Age to be  
 forever discharged from all Claims of Service right  
 of property in Law or Equity which against the said  
 Negro Man I ever had now have or which mine my  
 heirs Executors Administrators or assigns hereafter  
 can shall or may have for upon or by reason of any  
 Cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the  
 world to the day of this date hereof In Testimony  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my