

personally appeared before me the Subscribors of the
 Justice of the peace for the County of Essex the above
 named Richard Merrick party to the above instru-
 -ment of writing and acknowledged the same to be
 his act and deed for intents and purposes therein
 contained according to an Act of assembly in such
 cases made and provided

Witness my hand and seal this 31 December 1799. Brice J. Worthington

Joshua Tugood of Maryland do hereby know all men
 to sundry Negroes & by these presents that I Joshua
 Tugood being conscious to myself that the holding
 of Negroes in perpetual Slavery and bondage is
 repugnant to the Laws of God and inconsistent
 with the strict rules of Justice and Equity and also
 that freedom and Liberty is the inalienable right &
 privilege of every person born into the world -
 Therefore for these and other good Causes and
 Considerations I the said Joshua Tugood being
 therunto moved do for myself my heirs & assigns
 hereby manumit and forever Discharge and set
 free all my Negroes herein after mentioned in
 manner and form following Viz. one Negro
 woman named Pissilla aged about thirty five
 years and Mary her Daughter aged about three
 years to be set free and have their full discharge
 and Liberty from the day or date hereof In
 Testimony whereof I the said Joshua Tugood
 have hereunto set my hand and affixed my