

day of August 1807 personally appears Susanna Foster party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the state of Maryland for the said county and acknowledges the same to be her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned and the negro man within named to be manumitted liberated and free after the decease of the said Susanna Foster or to any claiming under her and to be free and manumitted according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided.

Recorded ~~acknowledged~~ before Thomas Sellman  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1807

State of Maryland and aundel county s<sup>t</sup>. Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Bidout of the county aforesaid in and for divers considerations do hereby liberate manumit and discharge from slavery from and after the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty a negro boy named James Ross aged about two years, son of a negro woman named Hannah Ross, and the said James Ross I do declare to be on the day above mentioned, freed, manumitted and discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me, my executors or administrators and from all claim or right of servitude by me my executors or administrators forever, and I do also by these presents agree and permit a certain negro woman named Phoebe Richardson grandmother of the said James Ross, in consideration that she will feed, clothe and maintain the said James Ross, to retain and keep him in her possession until the period above limited and appointed when his freedom shall commence and take effect by virtue of these presents, In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my