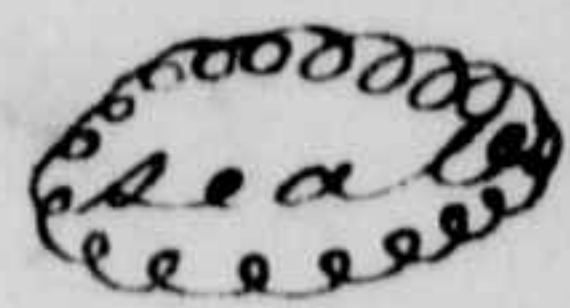


To all whome it may concern be it known that  
 I Ruth Weedon of Anne Arundel County in the State of  
 Maryland for divers good causes and considerations  
 me thereto moving as also in further testimony of  
 my late Husbards Richard Weedon dying request  
 have released from slavery liberate manumitted  
 and set free and by the presents do hereby release  
 from slavery liberate manumit and set free my  
 my negro women named named Sophia being  
 of the age of twenty three years and able to work  
 and gain a sufficient livelyhood and maintenance  
 and her the said negro woman Sophia I do declare  
 to be henceforth manumitted, free and discharged  
 from all manner of servitude or service to me my  
 executors administrators and assigns forever. In  
 Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands  
 and seal this twenty eighth day of December in  
 the year of our Lords 1812.

Witness  
 Richard Meriken }  
 Thomas Weedon }

Rutha Weedon 

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed to wit:  
 St. A. County to wit: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1812.  
 personally appeared Ruth Weedon 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 deeds for the purpose therein mentioned  
 and the negro woman therein named to be  
 henceforth manumitted and discharged from all  
 service to her or any claiming, under her and to  
 be free and manumitted according to the act  
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