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To all whom it may concern, be it known, that I, James
N. Weems of the city of Annapolis and Arundell County
in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations
me thereunto moving as also in further considerations of
ten shillings current money to me in hand paid have
released from slavery liberated, manumitted and set
free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery
^{liberate} manumit and set free my negroes to wit my girl Pops
(sold to John O. L. Jones for a term of years aged about
twenty years to be free on the first day of January
eighteen hundred and ten; girl Kitty Ayers sold to Thomas
Ayers aged twenty three years on the eighteenth day of
November eighteen and nine, at which time she is to be
free; girl Denah sold to Capt. William Weems to be
free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and thirteen
at which time she will be about twenty four years old,
and their increase during their servitude are to serve
untill the females they are twenty one years old and
males untill they are twenty five years old and so on
in like manner forever; negro woman Sophy aged
twenty one years on the eighteenth day of December
eighteen hundred and seven and her child Anne
aged about six months in September last, at which
time I set them free and their increase forever; girl
Fanny aged fifteen years in August next I set free
on the first day of August eighteen hundred and fourteen
and her increase free forever; negro Robert aged about
twenty seven years, I set free on the first day of January
eighteen hundred and eleven. boy Joseph, William
Henry now living with Seth Sweetser, to be free
on the twenty second day of November eighteen