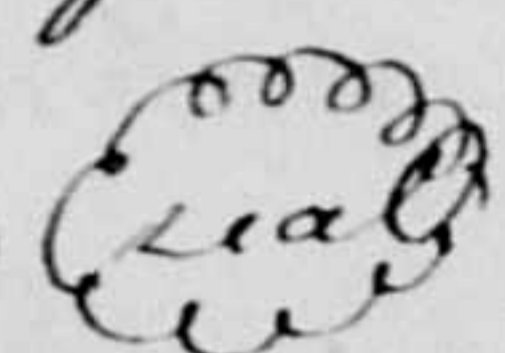
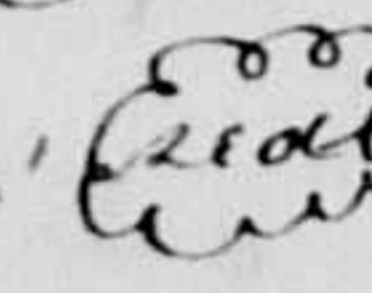


To all whom it may concern Be it known that
 We Richard Harrison and Bennett Harrison of
 Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland for
 divers good causes and considerations us thereunto
 moving as also in further consideration of the
 sum of five dollars current money to us in hand
 paid have released from slavery liberated and
 manumitted and set free and by these presents
 do hereby release from slavery liberate manumit
 and set free our negro woman named Bess who
 is able to work and do gain a sufficient livelihood
 and maintenance and her the said negro woman
 Bess we do hereby declare to be henceforth free
 manumitted and discharged from all manner of
 servitude or service to us our executors or
 administrators forever. In Testimony whereof we
 have hereunto set our hands and affixed our
 seals this fifteenth day of December in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen
 signed sealed and delivered } Rich Harrison 
 in the presence of us } Bennett Harrison 
 John A. D. Lane
 Eiel Gott

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed to wit
 Received on the day of the date within mentioned
 the sum of five dollars current money it being the
 full consideration money within mentioned

Rich^d. Harrison

Bennett Harrison

Anne Arundel County to wit On this 15th day of
 December 1815 personally appears Richard Harrison
 and Bennett Harrison before me the subscriber
 a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and