

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Thomas
 of Anne Arundel county and state of Maryland believing
 that natural freedom is the right of all men, do hereby set
 free and manumit the following negroes and their
 issue at the respective periods of time and in the
 manner following to wit, negro Jack aged thirty eight
 years to be free in five years from the date hereof
 negro Abner aged twenty three years to be free
 in ten years from the date hereof, negro Ben. aged
 eighteen years to be free in ten years from the date
 hereof, negro William aged one year to be free
 in twenty seven years from the date hereof, negro
 Nell aged thirty years to be free in five years
 from the date hereof, negro Kate aged
 twenty years to be free in seven years from the
 date hereof, negro Esther aged eighteen years
 to be free in ten years from the date hereof, Rebecca
 aged eleven years to be free in twelve years from
 the date hereof, negro Sarah aged nine years to be
 free in fourteen years from the date hereof,
 negro Mary aged five years to be free in
 eighteen years from the date hereof, and I
 do hereby set free and manumit all the
 children that may be born of the above mentioned
 females before the respective periods of their
 becoming free, the said children shall be
 free, the males when they arrive to the age of
 twenty five years and the females at the age
 twenty one years, and for the full performance
 of the several articles and stipulations before