


the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations (me thereunto moving) do release from slavery manumitted liberates and set free and by these presence do hereby release from slavery liberates manumitted and do set free my negro boy Bob after the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty five being then of the age of thirty five years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and him the said negro boy Bob I do declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged at the time above specified from all manner of servitude or service to me my executors or administrators forever. In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hands and seal this

21. day of May 1810.
 Test. Henry W. Stewart }
 Henry Hammond } John Meriken 

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed to wit: Ann Arundell County to wit: On this 21 day of May 1810 personally appeared John Meriken party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland and said County and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned and the said negro boy Bob within named at the time above specified to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all service to him or any claiming under him and to be free and manumitted according to the act of Assembly in