

month day of July Eighteen hundred and sixteen
appeared before me ~~one~~ one of the justices of the
peace for the County of said Rachel Deale party
to the above instrument of writing and acknowledged
the same to be her act and deed and the signature
and seal thereto affixed to be respectively hers for
the purpose above mentioned.

I. I acknowledge before Thomas Sellman
2. Recorded the 12th day of August 1816.

To all whom it may concern, Be it known that I
Walter Crofts of the City of Annapolis and State of
Maryland for divers good causes and considerations
me therunto moving, as also in further consideration
of five shillings current money to me in hand
paid have released from slavery, my negro boy
named Dick being about the age of fourteen
years, and able to get his living have liberated
manumitted and set free and by these presents
do release from slavery liberate manumitted and
set free the said negro boy Dick from and after
the fourth day of April Eighteen hundred and
twenty three I do declare the said negro boy Dick
to be free manumitted and discharged from all
manner of servitude or service to me my heirs
executors or administrators forever after the
expiration of the time above mentioned. In
Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of August
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and sixteen

Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of

Robert Stewart

Frederick Harwood

Walter Crofts

, att.