

and affixed my seal this 26th day of April one thousand
eight hundred and nine,
Witness present

Geo. P. Darrymple }
Ann Tongue }

Mary Bowman (seal)

on the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed to wit
on the twenty sixth day of April 1809 personally appeared
before me the subscribed one of the Justices of the Peace
for the county aforesaid Mary Bowman party
to the above instrument of writing who acknowledged
the same to be her act and deed and the
signature and seal thereto annexed to be
respectively

Geo. P. Tongue

Recorded the 28th day of April 1809.

To all whom it may concern be it known that I John
Cheer of Ann Arundel county and State of Maryland for
divers good causes and considerations me thereunto
moving as also in further consideration of five 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
liberated manumitted and set free my negro man named
James being of the age of forty three years and
able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood
and maintenance and him the said negro
man named James I do declare to be henceforth
free manumitted and discharged from all
manner of servitude or service to me my
executors administrators or assigns forever
In testimony whereof I have set my hand &
seal this ninth day of June eighteen hundred & nine
signed sealed & delivered
in presence of } John Cheer (seal)
Gideon White }