

I know all men by these presents that whereas
 Richard Merrick (late of Anne Arundel County in
 the State of Maryland) deceased did in his life time
 by parole or word of mouth set free and discharge
 from servitude a certain negro man slave named
 Ignatius or Nace Hanson aged about forty four
 years and whose said Ignatius or Nace Hanson
 never afterwards was considered as the property of
 said Richard Merrick nor was he appraised or
 inventoried as part of said Richard Merrick's
 personal Estate Now therefore for and in
 consideration of the premises aforesaid and also
 for and in consideration of the full and just sum
 of one Dollar current money of the United States to
 me in hand paid by the said Ignatius or Nace
 Hanson (at or before the making and delivery of
 these presents the receipt whereof I do hereby
 acknowledge) I the Executor of the testament and
 last will of the aforesaid Richard Merrick have
 liberated manumitted set free and discharged
 from servitude and by these presents do liberate
 manumit set free and discharge from servitude
 for ever the aforesaid Ignatius or Nace Hanson and
 do by these presents warrant and forever defend
 freedom unto the said Ignatius or Nace Hanson
 against myself and all other persons claiming
 or who may claim him from through by or under
 the aforesaid Richard Merrick his heirs or assigns
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal as Executor of the
 aforesaid Richard Merrick on this twentieth day
 of April Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred
 and nineteen.

Mary Merrick

Signed Sealed and delivered in

presence