

To all whom it may concern Best known  
 that I Henry Basford of said Anne County  
 and State of Maryland for divers good causes and  
 considerations me thence moving as also in further  
 consideration of Two dollars to me in hand paid  
 being released from Slavery liberated uncommitted  
 and set free and by these presents do hereby release  
 from Slavery manumit & set free on the Conditions  
 herein after mentioned the following Negroes to wit  
 my Negro woman Henry Johnson aged Eighteen  
 years to be free on the fourteenth day of December  
 one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven and  
 his child Mary aged four months to be free on  
 the fourteenth day of December one thousand eight  
 hundred and twenty seven and the issue of the said  
 Negroes Henry and Mary to be free on the  
 following times to wit: the males to be free when  
 they arrive at twenty five years of age and the  
 females at twenty one years of age and all to be free  
 on the same Conditions forever and the said  
 Negroes I do declare to be free uncommitted and  
 discharged from all manner of servitude to me  
 my Executors administrators or assigns forever  
 on the terms above mentioned In Testimony  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this  
 twelfth day of February one thousand eight  
 hundred & twenty.

Signed Sealed and delivered  
 in presence of } Henry Basford  
 Gideon White, Richard Tydings }  
 Gideon White Jr.

On the back of the foregoing and was thus  
 written to wit:

Rec<sup>d</sup> on the day and date above mentioned  
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