

To all whom it may concern Be it known that
 I Thomas James of Anne Arundel County in the
 State of Maryland, for divers good causes and
 considerations me therunto moving) as also in further
 consideration of five shillings Current money to me
 and have paid have released from slavery manumitted
 and set free and by these presents do hereby release
 from slavery liberate manumitted and set free my
 negro girl named Maria James being of the
 age of fifteen years and able to work and gain
 sufficient livelihood and maintenance and her
 the said negro girl named Maria I do declare to
 be henceforth free manumitted and discharged from
 all manner of servitude or service to me my Executors
 or administrators forever. In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
 this day of May in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Signed Sealed and delivered
 in the presence of }
 Lewis Tinger } Thomas James
 John E. Pettibone }
 (Seal)

at the back of the aforesaid deed was
 thus written to wit:

Anne Arundel County of. Be it remembered
 That on this twenty second day of May in the
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and twenty one personally appeared Thomas James
 party to the within instrument appearing before
 me the Subscribed a Justice of the peace of the
 State of Maryland for the said County and
 acknowledged the same to be his act and
 deed for the purposes within mentioned, and the
 negro,