

day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty six

Signed, Sealed & delivered

in presence of us  
Joseph P. Pearson  
John W. Ringrose

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Phileas D. Ridgely Seal

At the foot of the foregoing Deed was thus written to wit  
Received on the day of the date above mentioned the sum  
of fifty five dollars current money it being the full consideration  
within mentioned

Phileas D. Ridgely Seal

Anno Anno del County of An this twentieth day of February  
1826 personally appears Phileas D. Ridgely party to the  
above instrument of writing before me the subscriber a Justice  
of the peace of the State of Maryland for said County and  
acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purpose  
above mentioned & the negro man above named to be  
hereof the manumitted & discharged from all service to  
him or to any claiming under him and to be free & manumitted  
according to the acts or acts of assembly in such case made &  
provided

3 Acknowledged before John W. Ringrose Seal  
Recorded the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1826

To all whom it may concern be it known that I Samuel  
H. Boaz of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland for  
divers good causes and considerations mentioned moving as also  
in further consideration of six pence current money to me in  
being paid have released from slavery liberated manumitted  
and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery  
liberate manumit and set free my negro man named  
John Lewis being of the age of twenty eight years and able  
to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance  
and him the said negro man named John Lewis I do  
(declare)