

hundred and fifty dollars 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  
liberate manumit and set free my negro man named  
Benjamin Smith 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 Benjamin Smith I  
do declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged  
from all manner of servitude or service to me or my executor  
or administrators forever. In testimony whereof I have  
hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth  
day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty six

Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of

S. Garrison. Eli W. Barnitt

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Thos W Turner Seal

At the foot of the foregoing Deed was this written to wit.  
Received on the day of the date above mentioned the sum of  
one hundred and fifty dollars current money to being the  
full consideration money above mentioned

Thos W Turner

Anne Arundel County Court On this ninth day of December  
personally appears Thomas W Turner party to the within  
instrument of writing before me the subscriber a justice of  
the peace of the State of Maryland for the said County and  
acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the  
purposes within mentioned and the negro man within  
named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from  
all services to him or to any claiming under him and to be  
free and manumitted according to the acts of assembly in such

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Case made and provided. Acknowledged before S. Garrison  
Received the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1827