

presents do hereby release from slavery liberate and manumit and set free my negro woman named Betts being of the age of thirty two years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and also my negro named Rachel when she shall arrive at the full age of thirty years which will be fully complete and ended on the first day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty one and the said negro woman named Betts I do declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me my executors or administrators forever and also the said negro woman Rachel I do declare to be henceforth free (on the first day of November aforesaid) 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 the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Nathan Shipley { Thomas Cook Seal }
William B. Black

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed, to wit:
Anne Arundel County, to wit: On this first day of September 1829 personally appears Thomas Cook party to the within instrument of writing before me the undersigned 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 woman within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all services to him or to any claiming under him and to be