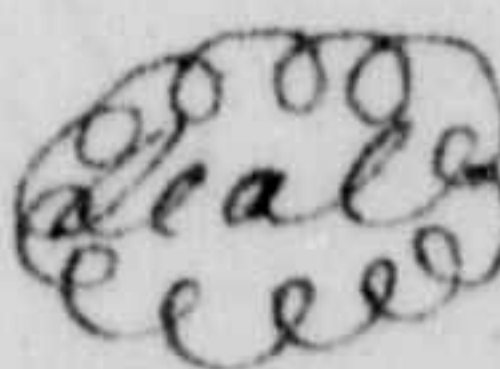


released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free  
 and by these presents do liberate, manumit my negro woman  
 named Maria being of the age of twenty six years and able  
 to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance  
 and her the said Negro Maria I do declare to be free  
 on the first day of July, in the year Eighteen hundred  
 and forty manumitted and discharged from all manner  
 of servitude or service to me my Executors or administrators  
 forever I do also declare her issue if she shall have  
 any after the day of the date hereof to be free the  
 males to be free at the age of twenty one the females at  
 age of eighteen years old. I also do hereby liberate,  
 manumit and set free my negro girl named Charlotte  
 now two ~~at~~ years old and when the negro girl named  
 Charlotte shall arrive to the age of eighteen years  
 old I do declare her liberated, manumitted and  
 discharged from all manner of servitude or service to  
 me my Executors or administrators forever. In testimony  
 whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup>  
 day of July 1830.

Witness, Nathan Shipley & Zachariah Roberts   
 M<sup>rs</sup> Slack.

On the back of the foregoing was thus written, to wit:  
 Anne Arundel County, to wit: On this twenty  
 seventh day of July 1830 personally appears Zachariah  
 Roberts party to 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 negroes within named to  
 be henceforth manumitted and set free according to  
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