

above instrument of writing to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Recorded the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1831. Gideon White.

To all whom it may concern, be it known, that I Thomas J Simmons of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me therunto moving, as also in further consideration of the sum of Five Dollars current money to me in hand paid, have released from slavery, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free, on the first day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty three, my negro man named Stephen, being of the age of forty two years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man named Stephen, I do declare, from the time above mentioned, to be free, manumitted and discharged, from all manner of servitude or service to me, my Executors or Administrators, forever. In Testimony whereof I herunto set my hand, and affixed my seal, this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of, Thos Waters  
A. H. Green.

Thomas J Simmons

At the foot of the above going was thus written, to wit:  
Received on the day of the date within mentioned the sum of Five dollars current money, it being the full consideration money within expressed.

Thomas J Simmons

Anne Arundel County, to wit: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1831 personally appears Thomas J Simmons party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscribed a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for the County, and acknowledges