

two children I am and many others do  
declare to be hereself free unincumbered and discharged  
from all manner of debts due or to be due  
exceptors or otherwise whatsoever. In testimony  
whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals  
this twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and forty

Signed sealed and delivered } M<sup>rs</sup> Mercer  
in the presence of } John Hollinson  
W<sup>m</sup> Glover, A. W. Green }

At the foot of the foregoing is the seal of the  
State of Maryland, County of Anne Arundel. And  
this twenty first day of April in the year Eighteen hundred  
and forty personally appeared John Mercer and John  
Hollinson they being personally known to me as a Justice  
of the peace in and for the County of Anne Arundel  
and in and for the State of Maryland before me the  
said Justice of the Peace of the County of Anne Arundel  
for the County of Anne Arundel and the State of Maryland  
to be and to be used for the purposes and to be  
mentioned, and that they are authorized to be  
hereself unincumbered and discharged from all  
debts due or to be due owing and to be  
free and unincumbered according to the act of a family  
in such cases made and provided

Attest signed before W<sup>m</sup> Glover  
3/4 Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1840

In all which these presents shall come greeting  
Be it known that I John Litchman of the  
County of Anne Arundel State of Maryland for the  
consideration of two hundred dollars and lawful  
price and for divers good causes and considerations  
with intent to convey hereunto and by these presents  
do manumit set free and Liberate from slavery a  
Negro woman called Eliza Queen and her child  
Joseph,