

said Nicholas Johnson has performed his term of  
 servitude no ships are to be found in the harbours of  
 Maryland bound to Africa where our coloured people are  
 you have resolved such as the said Nicholas Johnson is  
 hereby authorized with this paper or a Certificate in  
 form the clerk of Ann Arundel County to the amount of  
 this original instrument to pass on from Maryland  
 to any of the outward ports for the sole purpose of  
 procuring a ship bound to some settlement of Christian  
 coloured people in Africa to make his settlement  
 and residence I do declare that after the said Nicholas  
 Johnson has performed his term of servitude consistent  
 with the conditions here expressed and in accordance  
 with the laws of Maryland in such cases that the said  
 Nicholas Johnson shall be free as hereby is manifested  
 and discharged from all claims of servitude or service  
 to any his Executors or administrators forever  
 In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand  
 and affixed my seal this

Signed Sealed and delivered } Ann C. Butler (seal)  
 in the presence of John C. Butler  
 Saml H. Hamilton

and the back of this foregoing and this well known  
 received on this day of the date within mentioned  
 the sum of five dollars current money being the full  
 consideration money mentioned within

Ann C. Butler

Ann Arundel County Court.

On this seventh day of February 1844 Personally  
 appears Ann C. Butler to the within instrument of  
 writing before me the Clerk of the Peace of the Peace  
 of the State of Maryland for the said County and  
 acknowledges the same to be her act and deed for the  
 purposes within mentioned and the several matters therein  
 contained to be free manifested and discharged  
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