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On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1844 appeared before me as Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Prince Georges the said instrument of writing to be his act and deed?

Wm Glover J. P

Recorded the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1844

To all whom it may concern Be it known that I James Cheston of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations touching moving laws relating to Slavery have voluntarily and without fraud any Negro man named Thomas Vesley George Hobbs and John Watson neither any Negro woman Betty and all under forty five years of age and able to work & gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and these the said Negroes I do declare to be hence forth free manumitted & discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me my Executors Administrators or assigns In Witness whereof I have on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1844 hereunto set my hand and seal

Witness James Cheston } J. P. Cheston Seal  
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On the back of the foregoing was thus written to wit Anne Arundel County 30<sup>th</sup> of the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1844 personally appeared James Cheston before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County and acknowledged the foregoing deed or instrument of writing to be his act and deed incurring to the best intent and meaning thereof and the Acts of Assembly therein contained and provided

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Attest my hand before Gaspar Winters  
Recorded the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1844

To all whom it may concern Be it known that I James Cheston of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations touching moving laws relating to Slavery

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