

and the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in  
and for the County aforesaid and acknowledged the  
within instrument of writing to be his act and deed  
for the purposes therein mentioned & the act of assembly  
in such case made and provided.

Taken & testified before Ch<sup>s</sup>. Waters

Recorded the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1818.

To all whom it may concern. Be it known that  
I William W. Marriott Attorney at Law of the City of  
Annapolis in the State of Maryland for divers good  
causes and considerations and therefore moving, as also  
in further consideration of the sum of five dollars  
current money to me in hand paid have released  
from slavery liberated manumitted and set free  
and by these presents do hereby release from slavery  
liberate manumit and set free my mulatto man  
named Tom Sands a Blacksmith by stature being  
of the age of forty two or forty three years and able  
to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and  
maintenance, and him the said mulatto man  
named Tom Sands, I do declare to be henceforth  
free manumitted and discharged from all manner  
of service or service to me my Executors or  
administrators forever. In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and eighteen.

Signed Sealed & delivered in  
the presence of: James  
Blayell, Jon<sup>s</sup>. Weedon

W<sup>m</sup> Marriott

At the foot of the foregoing was thus written to wit: