

To all whom it may concern Be it known that
 I Benjamin Thomas of Anne Arundel County in the
 State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations
 and thereto moving) as also in further consideration
 of five dollars current money (and) have since then
 released from Slavery (liberated manumitted and set
 free) and by these presents do hereby release from
 Slavery (liberate manumit and set free) from and
 after the fourth day of April Eighteen hundred and
 forty one my negro girl named Melinda or by
 whatsoever name she may be known or called being
 of the age of eleven years, and able to work and gain
 a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and has the
 said negro girl named Melinda I do declare to be
 free manumitted and discharged from and after the
 time above mentioned from all manner of servitude
 or service to me my heirs Executors or administrators
 forever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal this second day of
 October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and forty one.

Signed Sealed & delivered

in the presence of us

James Hunter

Lewis D Jones

Benjamin Thomas

on the back of the aforesaid and was this
 written toward Anne Arundel County for
 Be it remembered that on this second day of October
 one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally
 appeared Benjamin Thomas party to the within
 instrument of writing) before me the Subscribed a
 Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for the said
 County,