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Deed of Manumission and Release of Service

Whereas my slave Henry Matthews has enlisted in the service of the United States, Now in consideration thereof I Samuel G Bird of Anne Arundel County State of Maryland do hereby in consideration of said enlistment manumit & discharge and release the above named Henry Matthews from all service due me by him to commence from the thirty first day of March the date of his enlistment as aforesaid in the Regiment of Colored Troops in the service of the United States, Witness my hand and seal the eighth day of December 1864

Samuel G Bird

Witness Nathaniel Cherr

John H. Hotten

Anne Arundel County State of Maryland 1864

At Test before me

Notary Public

St Pauls 4th & 8th 1864

Before me appeared the said Samuel G Bird and acknowledged the above Deed of Manumission and Release of Service to be his free and voluntary act

Nathaniel Cherr

Recorded the 3rd day of December 1864

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Deed of Manumission and Release of Service

Whereas my slave Henry Seaman has enlisted in the service of the United States, Now in consideration thereof I Samuel Purdy of Anne Arundel County State of Maryland do hereby in consideration of said enlistment manumit & discharge and release the above named Henry Seaman from all service due me by him to commence from the tenth of March 1864 the date of his enlistment as aforesaid in the 90th Regiment of Colored Troops in the service of the United States, Witness my hand and seal the 15 day of December 1864

Witness Wm N Thompson

Samuel Purdy (Seal)

J N Maquedort