

Deed of Manumission } To all whom it may
 from Dr John Bidout } concern, be it known, that
 to } I, John Bidout, of the City
 Samuel Blackstone } of Annapolis, in the State
 of Maryland, for divers good causes, me
 therunto moving, and also in further con-
 sideration of the sum of five dollars, to me in
 hand paid, the receipt whereof, I do hereby ack-
 nowledge, have released from slavery, lib-
 erated, manumitted and set free, my
 negro man named Samuel Blackstone,
 being of the age of about thirty years, and able
 to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and
 maintenance, and him the said negro man
 named Samuel Blackstone, I do declare to be
 henceforth free, manumitted and discharged
 from all manner of service or servitude to me,
 my Executors or Administrators, forever. In testimony
 whereof, I have herewith set my hand and
 affixed my seal, this twenty fifth day of March
 in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and
 forty eight

Signed, sealed and delivered } Mr: Bidout (Seal)
 in the presence of J. M. Hunter.

Anne Arundel County, Set. on this 25th day of
 March 1848 personally appeared John Bidout, party
 to the foregoing Instrument of Writing, before me
 the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State
 of Maryland for said County, and acknowledges
 the same to be his act and deed, for the purposes
 therein mentioned, and the negro man therein
 named, to be henceforth manumitted and
 discharged from all services to him, or to any
 claiming under him, and to be free