

Anundel County, State of Maryland, being
 in possession of a negro woman slave for
 life, named Margaret, lately bequeathed to
 me, by the last will and testament of my
 mother Rebecca Nicholson, as will more fully
 appear by the records of the Orphan's Court of
 the said County, in consideration of the fidelity
 and attention of the said Margaret to my
 mother in her life time, and more particularly
 during her recent protracted illness, and in
 further consideration of a request made to me, by
 my mother, not long previous to her death, have
 released from slavery, manumitted and set
 free, and by these presents do hereby release from
 slavery, liberate, manumit, and set free my, the
 said negro woman Margaret, whom I suppose
 to be rather under the age of twenty five years,
 and able to gain a sufficient livelihood
 and maintenance, and her the said negro
 woman Margaret, I do declare to be hence-
 forth free, manumitted and discharged from
 all manner of servitude or service to me, my
 executors, or administrators forever. In testimony
 whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
 my seal this ^{third} day of November 1848
 Signed, sealed, and } Jas Macon Nicholson Seal
 delivered in presence of

J. W. Hunter
 R. Welch of Ben
 Mrs Donovan

Anne Anundel County, to wit: Be it remembered
 that on this third day of November 1848, personally
 appears Jas Macon Nicholson, party to the within
 instrument of writing, before me the subscriber