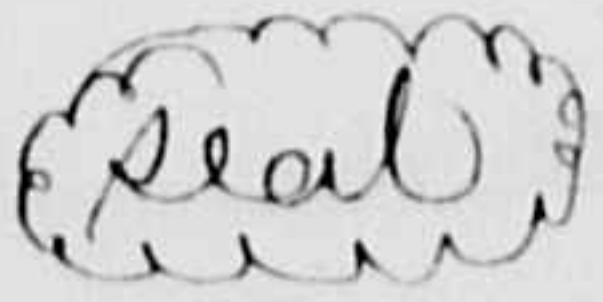


Whereas James Blackstone, a free coloured man, late of Anne Arundel County, Maryland deceased did on the 18th October in the year 1832, purchase of the late Richard M. Chase of said County for the sum of fifty dollars, his son James Blackstone being then an infant, with the intention that the said infant should be manumitted and set free, therefore, Be it known to all whom it may concern, that J. John Ridout of the County and State aforesaid, administrator of the said James Blackstone, in consideration of the premises and likewise in further consideration of the sum of one dollar, to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have released from slavery, liberated manumitted and set free and by these presents, do hereby release from slavery, liberate manumit and set free the before mentioned James Blackstone son of the aforesaid James Blackstone being of the age of twenty one years, and able to work and give a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said James Blackstone I do hereby declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affix my seal this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

Signed Sealed and delivered in

the presence of } John Ridout 
 Owen M. Taylor, R. Ho. Holland }

Anne Arundel County Set. On this eighth day of September 1853 personally appears John Ridout party to the foregoing instrument of writing, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland for the County aforesaid, 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 manner of servitude and service and be he free and manumitted according to the act of Assembly in such cases made