

State of Maryland. Anne Arundel County to wit
 Be it remembered that on this 26th day of August in the
 year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four before the
 subscriber a justice of the peace of the state of Maryland in
 and for the County aforesaid personally appears Mr. Henry
 Dr. the grantor in the foregoing instrument of writing and
 acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the
 purposes therein set forth. In testimony I have herewith set
 my hand on the day and year first above written.

J. R. Egan

paid
 75cts

Recorded the 27th day of September 1854.

To all persons to whom it doth or may concern. Be it
 known that I, Nicholas J. Watkins of Annapolis, in the
 County of Anne Arundel County and state of Maryland
 for divers good causes and considerations me therunto
 moving do hereby release from slavery, manumit, liberate
 and set free from and after the first day of April in the
 year eighteen hundred and seventy two, one negro woman
 slave belonging to me by the name of Eliza or Elany
 (and by whatsoever name she may be known or called
 bearing at this time between sixteen and eighteen years of
 age, and the said negro woman slave, I do declare to be
 hereafter, that is to say, from and after the first day of
 April eighteen hundred and seventy two free manumitted
 and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to
 me my executors or administrators, and from all manner
 of claims ^{or rights of claim} of servitude or service by me, my executors or
 administrators forever. And I do hereby also in like
 manner manumit liberate release from slavery and
 set free the infant male child of the above named
 negro woman called James being now about two
 weeks old; from and after the said child shall
 have arrived at the age of thirty five years. And I do

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