

On the back of the aforesaid Deed were three Endorsements to wit —  
Received of Mr Lewis Stewart the full Consideration mentioned in the  
aforesaid Deed of release & Confirmation this twenty third day of  
September in the year 1817 —

John LeCompte

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit (Be it remembered  
that on this twenty third day of September in the year Eighteen  
hundred & Seventeen personally appeared John LeCompte the party  
executor of the above Deed or Instrument of Writing before us the  
subscribers two of the Justices of the Peace for Dorchester County & he  
acknowledged the said Deed or instrument of Writing to be his  
Act & deed and the laws & tenements therein mentioned to be  
right & Estate of the within named Lewis Stewart his heirs and  
Assigns forever according to the true intent and meaning of the said  
Deed or Instrument of Writing & according to the Act of Assembly  
in such Case made & provided — Acknowledged before —

Meht Lucas, M<sup>r</sup> Donovan

James Patterson Best remembered that the following Manumission  
To. To was recorded on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1817 to wit —  
Sundry Negroes To all whom it may concern best known that I  
James Patterson of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland for divers  
good Causes and Considerations me therunto moving have released from  
Slavery liberated Manumitted and set free and by these presents do  
humbly release from slavery liberate Manumit and set free all my  
Negroes slaves that I am possessed of at present after serving as hereafter  
mentioned — Negro Man Peter aged about thirty one years to serve Eight  
years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Decem<sup>r</sup> Next — Negro Lad Jerry aged about Eighteen  
years to serve fifteen years from this date — Boy Leck aged about Eight  
years to serve until he arrives to the age of thirty one years — Boy Daniel  
aged about Six years to serve until he arrives to the age of thirty one  
years — Girl Leck aged about Ten years to serve until she arrives to the  
age of Twenty five years — Girl Mary aged about five years to serve  
twenty years from this date — Boy John aged about three years to serve  
twenty eight years from this date — Girl Bet aged about two years to  
serve fifteen years from this date — also Boy Joe an infant to  
serve thirty one years from this date — all the above mentioned  
Slaves to serve faithfully as good servants and behave as such  
in every respect until their times respectively Expires and then their  
said Negroes is to be free provided they receive as above mentioned if  
not they or either of them that does not behave as such shall continue  
& remain as Slaves for life all and each of the aforesaid and slaves  
after serving as above mentioned I do declare to be sincere faithful Man-  
umitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me  
my Executors or Administrators forever Respectfully after serving as  
above mentioned In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed  
my seal this first day of September in the year of our Lord 1817 —

I signed Sealed & Delivered

James Patterson

In presence of  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Patterson William Patterson

On the back of the aforesaid Manumission was this Endorsement found —  
Dorchester County to wit on this day of September 1817 appeared before  
me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County the within  
mentioned James Patterson and acknowledged the within Deed of  
Manumission to be his Act and deed according to the true intent &  
Meaning of the same —

Rich<sup>d</sup> Patterson