I Perry Wilmer, free negro of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, having purchased of one Hannah Hackett formerly of the said County, my wife Mary Wilmer a slave of the said Hannah Hackett, duly recorded among the records of Talbot County; and being advised that the said Instrument of writing doth not, as I then understood and intended it should confer freedom upon the said Mary Wilmer, my wife, and her issue; and being now desirous to manumit and set free the said Mary Wilmer and her issue by the present Instrument of writing, with the exception of my son John whom I have been obliged to sell for a term of years to a certain Wm A Hall of Queen Ann's County in order to raise money to release the others from sundry executions levied upon him and them, do hereby manumit and set free my negro slave Mary Wilmer, and her children, James, Jane, Mary, Perry, William, Thomas and Wesley, their freedom to commence from the date of these presents: and also I do hereby manumit and set free my negro slave John Wilmer, child of the said Mary my wife, his freedom to commence from the first day of April in the year Eighteen hundred & sixty seven at which time the said John will have attained the age of twenty one years: reserving to myself in the case of the other children, excepting John, only the legal rights of a parent to the custody and service and control of the said children during their minority.

Witness my hand and seal this twentieth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred & fifty eight

Perry his X mark Wilmer (Seal)

Test. Sol. R. Cahal
Thos. R. Robson

State of Maryland
Talbot County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 20th day of March, in the year Eighteen hundred & fifty eight before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County, personally appeared Perry Wilmer, free negro, and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument of writing to be his act and deed.

Sol. R. Cahal

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit: I hereby certify that the aforegoing Deed of Manumission is truly taken and copied from the original filed for record and now remaining in my office —

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