To all whom it may or doth concern be it known that I, James Brown of Washington County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as also in further consideration of five dollars, current money, to me in hand paid, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release, from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free; my Negro Woman, named Sophia Moals, (she being my Daughter) being nineteen years of age, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance; and her the said Negro Woman named Sophia Moales, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me, my executors or administrators forever. In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this fourteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the Presence of Jacob Powles } James Brown (Seal)

Washington County to wit: Be it remembered that on this fourteenth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty, personally appears James Brown before us the subscribers, two Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County, and acknowledges the same to be his Act and deed for the purposes within mentioned, and the Negro Woman within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all manner of service to him, or to any claiming under him, and to be free and manumitted, according to the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Acknowledged before Jacob Powles.

Recd. for record the 21st. day of November 1840 & examined by Thos. Buckeye Clerk of Washington Co.

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