To all whom it may concern, be it Known, that I William Gabby of Washington County, in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and Considerations me, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free, my Colored man a Slave by birth named Joseph Smith, being of the age of Twenty Seven years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said Colored man a Slave by birth named Joseph Smith, 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 have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal, this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Charles A Fletcher. Wm Webb

Wm Gabby (Seal)

State of Maryland, Washington County to wit: On this twenty ninth day of March personally appears William Gabby party to the within instrument of writing, before me the Subscriber, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for the said County, and acknowledges the same to be his act and Deed for the purpose above mentioned; and the Colored man above named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all service to him or to any claiming under him, and to be free and manumitted according to the act of assembly in such case made and provided.

Acknowledged before Wm. Webb

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To all whome it may concern, be it Known that I George Zacharias, Master, of Washington County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations, me thereunto mooving, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate manumit and set free after the first January eighteen hundred and forty three, my Negro Man named Ben Moody being of the age of twenty seven at this time, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said Negro Man, Named Ben Moody I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted, and to be discharged, from and after the above named period, from all manner of service or servitude, to me, my executors or administrators forever.

In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of May 1841.

Witness Wm H Handy. ---- George Zacharias (Seal)

State of Maryland, Washington County to wit; On this third day of may in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty one personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Washington County, George Zacharias, and acknowledged the foregoing article of Emancipation of his late Slave Ben Moody to be his act and deed for the purposes therein stated. Subscribed and acknowledged before ——

Wm H Handy.

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