

To all whom it may concern, be it known, that I, John S. Martin of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and Considerations, and thereunto moving, 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 Maria being of the age of thirty five years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and her the said negro woman, named Maria I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged, from all manner of Service or Servitude to me, my executors or administrators, forever.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of August 1842.
Signed sealed and delivered } John S. Martin (Seal)
in the presence of J. F. Chaplain, John F. Chaplain

State of Maryland, Talbot County Court, Be it remembered that on this eighth day of August 1842, before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said State and County, personally appeared the above named John S. Martin and acknowledged the above and foregoing Deed or Manumission to be his act and Deed according to the purport, true intent, and meaning thereof and agreeable to the act of Assembly in such cases made and provideds
J. F. Chaplain

State of Maryland, Talbot County Court, I hereby certify that the above Manumission is truly taken and copied from the Original now remaining of record in Talbot County Court.
In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of Talbot County Court this ninth day of August Anno Domini 1842.
James Parrott Clerk of Talbot County Court