In the Records of Somerset County, amongst other matter is the following, to wit:

To all whom it may concern, be it known, that I Thomas Nelson of Somerset County and State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as also in further consideration of one dollar current money to me in hand paid have released from slavery, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free my negro man named Edward being of the age of twenty four years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and him the said negro man named Edward 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 8th day of May Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and forty four.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us John S. Handy, Stephen B. Roach

Thomas his + mark Nelson Senr (Seal)

Maryland Somerset County, Set: Be it remembered that on this 8th day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four, personally appears Thomas Nelson party to the within instrument of writing, before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for Somerset County and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes within mentioned, and the negro man within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all services 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 John S. Handy J. P.

Maryland Set: I hereby certify that the above is truly copied from the original now on file in the office of the Clerk of Somerset County Court.

In Testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of Somerset County Court this Seventeenth day of June Eighteen hundred and forty four.

Levin Handy Clk Somerset County Court.

Clerk's Office. Md.

In compliance with an act of Congress of Dec. Session 1831. Ch. 281. The clerk of Md. County Ct. returns to the board of Managers, the following extract of a sale recorded in his Office since last return.

Richd Bosey adm. Mary. Howard. to. Caleb Sheets — Sale dated & recorded May 16. 1844. By which is granted bargained & sold to said Sheets. a negro man named Albert / born on the 20th Oct 1828. / to serve until he arrives at the age of 25 years & then be free. No description given further than he is in Fredrick County Md.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the 15th day of June 1844. & affix the seal of my Office same day.

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