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Anne Arundel County

4th Day of December 1844

Extract from the Last Will and Testament of
Joseph H. Harrison late of Anne Arundel County deceased
Admitted to Probate on the 3rd Day of December 1844

I devise and direct that my Old negro Woman
Cate be comfortably supported, at the discretion of my Executor
And that my negro man Jim, be privileged to go to
Africa, at any time, or so long as Circumstances may justify
at the discretion of my Executor to work for, and support himself,
And I also direct that my negro man Tom, shall be
privileged to go to Africa, at any time, but in case of
his refusing to go and in the judgment of my Executor, will
be best for his interest he may hire the said negro out
and appropriate a part or the whole of his hire to his support
as he may think best,

Item, I give and bequeath, my negro man Major
to my beloved Wife Matilda H. Harrison to serve her for
three years after my decease, and at the expiration of said term
of three years, to be privileged to emigrate to Africa or remain in
the United States if the Law will permit them so to do. and
that all the rest of my negroes shall serve my wife under the
direction of my Executor for the interest of my estate for the
term of three years, after my decease, after which term of
three years, all my negro men, that may have arrived to
the age of thirty years, and all my negro women that may
be of the age of twenty five years and over, shall be
privileged to go to Africa, and any of my women, that
may elect to go to Africa, shall be privileged, to take
all her children, with her, under the age of twelve years,
and I further devise that as my male servants, may arrive to
the age of thirty years, and my female servants to the age
of twenty five years, they shall be privileged to emigrate
to Africa

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