

To all whom it may concern, be it known that I, Thomas Bruff, of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me therunto moving, as also in further consideration of two hundred 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 man James Adams, from and after the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, at which time he will be forty four years of age, and him, the said negro man, I do declare to be thenceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me, my executors or administrators forever.

In Testimony whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty five. *Tho^s Bruff Seal*

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us Lydia Hambleton Louisa Hambleton

Received on the day of the date within mentioned the sum of two hundred dollars, it being the full consideration money within mentioned. Witness Louisa Hambleton. *Tho^s Bruff*

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit: Be it remembered that on this eleventh day of _____ in the year Eighteen hundred and forty five, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County, personally appeared Thomas Bruff of the said County and acknowledges the within and foregoing to be his act and deed according to the purport, true - and meaning of the same, and agreeably to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided. Acknowledged before *Tho^s C. Nicols*

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