To all whom it may concern be it known that I William H. Dawson of Baltimore City in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving have released from slavery liberated manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby release free slavery liberate manumit and set free my negro woman named Fanny Griffin being of the age of thirty years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and her the said negro woman named Fanny Griffin 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 hereto set my hand and seal the eleventh day of January eighteen hundred & forty six.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Saml. E. Kilgaway, James M. Seth — W. H. Dawson (Seal)

State of Maryland } Be it remembered that on this eleventh day
Talbot County to wit } January eighteen hundred and forty six before the subscriber a justice of the Peace of the said State in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William H. Dawson party to the within Indenture or Instrument of writing and acknowledged the said Indenture or Instrument of writing to be his act and deed.

Thos. M. Seth.

State of Maryland } I hereby certify that the aforegoing
Talbot County to wit: } Deed of Manumission is truly taken & copied from the original now filed and remaining in Talbot County Court.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and affix the seal of said County Court this 11th day of February 1846

James Parrott Clk
Talbot County Court

Maryland, To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting. I Thomas Hopkins Junr. of Talbot County in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, do hereby declare free, manumit and enfranchise the negro following to wit: John Burke about thirty five years of age about five feet seven inches high of a light complexion, hereby acknowledging the said negro discharged from all claim of service & right of property whatsoever from me, my heirs, executors and administrators, as witness my hand and seal this Twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Thos. C. Seth, Jno. B. Fairbanks — T. Hopkins Jr. (Seal)

Talbot County to. On the twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six personally appeared before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Thomas Hopkins Jr. to the within Instrument of writing who acknowledged the said Instrument to be his act and deed and the signature and seal thereto annexed to be respectively. Acknowledged before me

Thos. C. Seth

State of Maryland } I hereby certify that the aforegoing deed
Talbot County to wit: } of Manumission is truly taken & copied from the original now filed and remaining in Talbot County Court.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and affix the seal of said County Court this 20th day of January eighteen hundred and forty six.

James Parrott Clk
Talbot County Court

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