To the President & the Board of Managers for Maryland in removing the People of Color of said State

Sir

Enclosed herewith an Extract from the last will and testament of James Lane late of Worcester County deceased Executed on the 1st day of December 1858 and proved and filed in the office of the Register of Wills April 26th 1859

I give and devise to my son Ezekiel (now one negro boy about nine weeks old) I give the same to him until he shall arrive to the age of twenty Eight years old then the said negro shall be free and Enjoy the privilege of a free negro

I give and devise to my wife Ann & to an one Small negro girl Mint about three years old until she shal arrive at the age of twenty one years old and then to be free and Enjoy the privilege of a free negro

It is my will and direct that all my negroes both ~~male~~ and female Except those that is before mentioned shall be free and Enjoy the privilege of free negroes

State of Maryland Worcester County

I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Extract taken from the last will and testament of James Lane late of Worcester County aforesaid

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office this 29th day of April Anno Domini 1859

Test Thos P Pattison Register of Wills in Worcester County

To all whom it may Concern

Be it known that I Thomas Auld of Talbot County and State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations, me thereunto moving, have determined to release from slavery, liberate manumit and set free, all my servants as hereinafter named. First, my man Charles Baily who was born February 7th 1840. to be free when he arrives at the age of thirty years, which will be February 7th 1870 Second, also my woman Amelia Ann Johnson who was born 15th October 1838. after she arrives at the age of thirty years, which will be the 15th day of October 1868. Third, also my woman called Mary Elizabeth Baily born January 2nd 1843. after she arrives at the age of thirty years, which will be January 2nd 1873. Fourth, also my woman called Clary Baily (which was sold to Charles Willis until she arrives at the age of thirty years) was born August 27th 1841 also to be free August 27th 1871, Fifth, also Anna Maria Auld born Auld with to be free when she arrives at the age of thirty years, which was born in May 1857.- All the above named servants to be free when they arrive at the above named ages, from me and my heirs forever, also their Increase to be free at the age of thirty years, as witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of January Eighteen hundred and fifty, Witness.

N. Harrington, Wm H. Bruff. Thos Auld (Seal)

State of Maryland Talbot County to wit,

I hereby certify that on this twelfth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty nine, Before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid State and County, personally appeared Thomas Auld, and did acknowledge the within Deed of Manumission to be his act.

Signed and acknowledged before me.
N. Harrington

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