

To the President of the Board of Managers for Maryland for removing  
the People of color of said State

Sir

Enclosed herewith an Extract from the last  
will and testament of William C. Townsend late of Worcester County deceased  
Executed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1857 and proved and filed in the office  
of the Register of Wills for Worcester County August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1859

- Item I give and bequeath to George C. Bratten to serve him until they  
arrive respectively to the age of twenty five years my negro boy Little  
ton who was born November the first 1841 and my negro boy George the  
child of Rachel who was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November 1857.
- Item I leave my negro man David and my negro woman Nancy  
to be free at my death and I devise to them for their joint lives  
and the life of the survivor the western end of the land I have  
heretofore devised to George C. Bratten on which they now reside as  
I lay down as the first branch and by and with said branch to  
the land now owned by the heirs of John P. Lewis and William Peyton  
and I charge the said George C. Bratten to take care of the said  
negroes as I have done.
- Item I give and bequeath to Hester Mills wife of James Mills to  
serve her until they respectively arrive at the age of twenty  
five years my negro woman Mary now nineteen years old and her  
child George who was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1857 and  
Sarah who was born on the first day of September 1843.
- Item I give and bequeath to my negro man Caleb his freedom at  
my death.
- Item I give and bequeath to my old negro woman Leah her freedom  
at my death and I give to her until she shall arrive at twenty  
one years of age her son Henry at which time I bequeath to the said  
Henry his freedom said Henry was born in September 1846 and  
if said Leah dies before her son Henry arrives at the age of  
twenty one years then I give the balance of the said Henry's term  
until he shall arrive at said age to Ann Dix my niece.
- Item I give and bequeath to my niece Andasia Bratten my child  
Leah who was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1846 to serve until  
she arrives at the age of twenty five years.
- Item I give and bequeath to my negro woman Rachel her free-  
dom at my death.
- Item I give and bequeath to Ann Dix widow of John Dix  
my negro girl Hester to serve until she arrives at the  
age of twenty five years, Hester was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1836.
- Item I give and bequeath to William Bishop son of James Bishop  
decd. my boy Charles who was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January  
1836 to serve until he arrives at the age of twenty five years.
- Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Spencer widow of John Spencer  
decd. my negro woman Rose who was born January the  
7<sup>th</sup> 1838 to serve until she arrives at the age of twenty five years  
also my negro girl Hannah child of Leah who was born on the

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