

(writing) to be his act and deed according to the purpose
 and intent and meaning) then of
 Me^o Westlingford of Thomas
 2/4 Recorded the 18th day of January 1819.

Know all men by these presents that I John
 Mercer of the County of Potomac and State of
 Maryland for and in consideration of the sum of the
 sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars to me in
 hand paid before the enrolling and delivery of these
 presents the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge
 by William D. McShum of the City of Baltimore and
 State aforesaid have bargained sold and delivered
 and by these presents do bargain sell and deliver
 unto the said William D. McShum his heirs and
 assigns, a negro man named Abraham for the
 term of nine years to be computed and estimated
 from the twenty fourth day of October one thousand
 eight hundred and fifteen, and the said negro
 Abraham from and after the expiration of the
 said term of nine years as aforesaid I have manumitted
 set free and forever discharged from slavery and
 by these presents do manumit set free and forever
 discharge from slavery In Witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
 this thirty first day of October one thousand eight
 hundred and fifteen.

In Mercer

Witness John Johns

And the back of the aforesaid deed was thus
 written to wit:

New Arundel County, Md: On this thirty
 first day of October in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen
 (personally)