

Signed sealed and delivered }
 in presence of }
 Oliver Miller. J. W. Hunter }

R. W. Gill (seal)

At the foot of the foregoing was thus written to wit
 State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit
 Best remembered and it is hereby testified
 that on this ninth day of December in the year of our
 Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one before the said
 one of the justices of the peace of the State of Maryland
 named of the County of said generally appeared
 Richard W. Gill who is known to me of our own knowledge
 to be the person named and described as and professing
 to be the party grantor or manumitter in the foregoing
 indenture or instrument of writing, and acknowledged
 the same to be his act and deed in testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand on the day and year
 herein above written J. W. Hunter

Recalled the 9th day of December 1851

To All whom it may concern.
 Be it known that I, Cornelius K. Stribling of Anne
 Arundel County 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 from slavery, "
 liberate, manumit and set free my negro woman "
 named Edith Merchant, being of the age of about sixty
 years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood
 and maintenance, and her the said negro woman
 named Edith Merchant I do declare to be henceforth
 free manumitted and discharged from all manner of
 service a servitude to me my Executors or administrators
 forever.

Signed sealed and delivered in }
 presence of J. W. Hunter }
 J. A. M. Bowison }

C. K. Stribling

(seal)