

to the said Eliza I Shaw the said Richard M. Gill should manumit and set free the said James Bernard, and whereas the said James Bernard has fully paid and satisfied unto the said Eliza I Shaw the said sum with interest, as by the receipt of the said Eliza I Shaw of this date will fully appear and whereas by the said bill of sale J. Anne E. Gill as administrator of the said Richard M. Gill are authorized and empowered to execute the presents, and the consent of the said Eliza I Shaw has also been given for that purpose, therefore be it known that J. Anne E. Gill of the city of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County and state of Maryland for and in consideration of the premises and divers other causes and considerations therein moving and as administrator of the said Richard M. Gill hand released from slavery liberated manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery liberate manumit and set free the said James Bernard a negro man, being of the age of thirty three years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man named James Bernard, 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 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this twenty eight day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four

Witness. Geo. S. Taylor *As admr. to J. E. of R. M. Gill*
 J. S. Frankler *J. Anne E. Gill* *Real*

On the back of the foregoing was thus written to wit
 State of Maryland. Anne Arundel County to wit
 Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on the twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, before the subscribed a Justice of the peace of the state of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared J. Anne E. Gill administrator cum solamen to annors of Richard M. Gill deceased, and who