

herely declare fix and determine that the state and condition of the issue that may be born of the above named woman on or before the said first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and seventy two shall be that of slaves until such issue shall arrive at the age of thirty five years, and in case any such issue being female and their female descendants shall have issue during their periods of service then and in every such case the state and condition of such issue shall be that of slaves until such issue shall arrive at the age of thirty five years. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four
Signed Sealed and delivered in 3 A. J. Watkins Seal 3
presence of Geo. G. Saylor Oliver Miller

At the foot of the foregoing was thus written to wit
State of Maryland. Anne Arundel County Se.

Be it remembered that on this twenty fourth day of October eighteen hundred and fifty four personally appears Nicholas J. Watkins party to the within instrument appearing before me a Justice of the peace of the state of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid, and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purposes within mentioned.

Acknowledged before Geo. G. Saylor
Recorded the 25th day of October 1854

To all whom I may concern Be it known that I, Thomas Benson of Anne Arundel County in the state of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving have released from slavery liberated absconded and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery liberate manumit and set free my negro man named Charles Gibson being of the age about thirty six years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and him the said negro man named Charles Gibson