Exam.d Ann Arundel County Sct. The Deposition of Bruce John Gassaway aged thirty seven years or thereabouts being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God Deposeth & sayeth that sometime in the year 1785 a Certain Isaac Bellows purchased and paid a Valuable Consideration for a Mulatto Woman Slave named Lydia from my Mother Catharine Gassaway late of Ann Arundel County sometime previous to her Death and that the said Isaac Bellows hath had ever since to this Deponents knowledge the said Woman Lydia in his possession as his right and property and further this Deponent saith not Sworn before the Subscriber this 11th day of april 1793.

Recorded 20 May 1793 — Henry Redgely (Seal)

Exam.d Isaac Bellows to Negro Lydia. Whereas I Isaac Bellows did purchase from Catharine Gassaway Deceased a Mulatto woman Slave Named Lydia for a Valuable Consideration as appears by the Testimony of her son Bruce John Gassaway herewith Recorded and whereas it is the wish and Desire of the said Isaac Bellows that the said Mulatto Woman Slave should be Discharged from Bondage & to all intents and purposes manumitted and set free Now this Instrument of Writing witnesseth that the said Isaac Bellows for & in Consideration of the before mentioned premises and to Carry into effect his wishes Doth forever Manumit Discharge and set free the said Mulatto Woman Slave Named Lydia fully and effectually to all intents & purposes As witness my hand & Seal this 16th Day of april 1793

Witness Henry Redgely — Isaac his mark Bellows (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing was thus endorsed to wit

Ann Arundel County Sct April 16th 1793 Came Isaac Bellows before me the Subscriber and Acknowledged the above Instrument of Writing to be his act and Deed for the use and purpose therein mentioned

Recorded 20 May 1793 — Henry Redgely

Exam.d Michael Barnes to Henry Corn.s Hobbs. This Indenture made this fourteenth Day of January Anno Domini seventeen hundred and Ninety three Between Michael Barnes of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland planter of the one part and Henry Cornelius Hobbs of the County and State aforesaid planter of the other part witnesseth that the said Michael Barnes for and in Consideration of the Sum of forty three pounds six Shillings and six pence Specie to him unpaid by the said Henry Cornelius Hobbs before the ensealing and Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he the said Michael Barnes doth hereby Acknowledge and himself therewith fully