

land in the just and full sum of five thousand three hundred and thirty three dollars thirty three and one third cents in current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland or its certain attorney, to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and fifty five. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above named Thomas B. Hobbs shall faithfully perform the office of Register of Wills in and for Howard County, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

signed sealed & delivered by Thomas B. Hobbs <sup>Seal</sup>  
 in the presence of us, James H. Hobbs <sup>Seal</sup>  
 Hamilton Hobbs <sup>Seal</sup> Nathan C. Hobbs <sup>Seal</sup>  
 William Cushman <sup>Seal</sup>  
 Approved August 7<sup>th</sup> 1855. <sup>Seal</sup>

McLane Brown (Judge of the  
 John A. Dorsey (Clerk of the Court  
 Wm Frost (for Howard County)

To be recorded on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1856. Same day recorded and examined per W. H. Worthington C.R.

Affidavit of James Cheston, State of Maryland, on this fourth day of Aug. 1856, personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid Doctor James Cheston who made oath on the Holy Evangeliz of Almighty God, that the bearer Henry Johnson a Negro boy about eighteen years old, five feet four inches high, dark color having a scar upon his right hand between the thumb and forefinger, is the same boy, son of Sophy Johnson who was manumitted by deed of J. Nevett Steele & Mary Murray dated the sixteenth day