the peace of the State of Maryland for the said County and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purposes within mentioned and the negro man within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all service to him or to any claiming under him and to be free and manumitted according to the act of Assembly in such cases made and provided

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3 acknowledged before Lloyd Selby
Recorded the 27th day of January 1823

An Act authorising the recording of a deed of manumission

Whereas Harry Simms of the City of Baltimore by his petition to the General Assembly hath set forth that he was the slave of Jacob Franklin of Anne Arundel County who on the thirty first day of August eighteen hundred and eighteen executed a deed of manumission by which he declared the said Harry Simms free and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to him the said Jacob Franklin his executors or administrators forever but through the neglect or omission of the said Jacob Franklin the said deed was not recorded in due time and remained unrecorded at the time of his death and praying that a law may pass to authorize and direct the said deed of manumission to be recorded, and whereas the prayer of the said petition appears to be just and reasonable. Therefore

Be it enacted by the general Assembly of Maryland that the Clerk of Anne Arundel County Court is hereby authorised and required upon application being made to him for that purpose. to record the aforesaid deed of manumission and the same when so recorded shall have the same effect and operation as if it

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