Whereas many years since I purchased from a certain Brice J. Worthington Esquire my wife a coloured woman by the name of Anne, and daughter Ellen being at the time slaves for life, the object and intention of the purchase at the time was that the said woman Anne and her daughter Ellen should be liberated manumitted discharged and forever set free from slavery together with their posterity to wit Ellen Burley (now Smith) daughter of the said Anne and her children And whereas it may be necessary and forgreater caution that I should execute and place upon record a deed of Manumission for the benefit of my said wife Anne Burley and her daughter Ellen Smith as aforesaid and her children

Now to all whom it may concern Be it known that I, Thomas Burley of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving have released from slavery liberated manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery liberate manumit and set free my wife Anne Burley and her daughter (now Ellen Smith) she being about thirty five years of age. Also the children of Ellen to wit, Thomas Smith aged about eighteen years, Eliza Smith aged about seventeen years, Emily Smith aged about thirteen years, John Smith aged about eight years, Caroline Smith aged about six years, James Smith aged about three years and an infant child. The foregoing persons are able well provided for and capable in every way to support and sustain themselves, and to gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance. I therefore do hereby declare the whole and several persons as set forth in this deed, 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 this Ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

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