is known to me of my own knowledge to be the person named and described as and professing to be, the party grantor or manumittor in the foregoing Instrument of writing and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on the day and year hereinabove mentioned

Geo. G. Taylor

Recorded the 20th day of June 1854.

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Whereas by a deed of Manumission bearing date on the eleventh day of December eighteen hundred and thirty eight duly executed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Washington in the District of Columbia, I Daniel Ross, did manumit and set free certain negro slaves then possessed by me and hereinafter mentioned, it being at that time and ever since my intention that each and every of said negroes should immediately from and after the execution of said deed have and enjoy full liberty and perfect freedom as if originally born free And whereas doubts have been expressed whether said negroes or some of them can have and enjoy such liberty and freedom under said deed. Now know all men by these presents, executed for confirmation of said deed, and for the purpose of effectuating the intention hereinbefore declared in respect to it and in reference to said negroes all of whom have since the date aforesaid, been living as free, entirely unmolested by any claim whatever on my part that I, Daniel Ross of the County of Washington in the District of Columbia for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, do hereby give and grant to my negro woman Elsey and to her children viz. Hessey Clarke, Albany Clarke now Albany Thompson, Patience Clarke, Daniel Clarke and Albanean Clarke full liberty and perfect freedom. To have and enjoy the same immediately from and after the execution of these presents, to all intents and purposes as they have heretofore done, and in like manner and to the like effect as if they and each of them had