

Do Witness the following Signatures and Seals the day and year
above written.

Thos. Ridley (Seal)
M. A. B. Ridley (Seal)

County of Southampton, State of Va.

We, Messrs. A. Donk, John H. Holmes, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Certify that Thos. Ridley above named is signed to the above writing bearing date the 20th, Dec. 1849, has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid. And we further Certify that M. A. B. Ridley, wife of said Thomas Ridley, whose name is signed to the writing above, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us, privately and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said M. A. B. Ridley acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given Under our hands this 20th day of December 1849.

A. Donk, (J.P.)
John H. Holmes, (J.P.)

State of Virginia, Hanover County, the 20th.

On this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1849, before me John H. Ridley, a Commissioner appointed by the State of North Carolina, in and for the State of Virginia, came Thos. Ridley and M. A. B. Ridley, his wife, granting name in the foregoing Stat of Emancipation, and the said Stat being solemnly produced and exhibited before me, the said Thos. Ridley and M. A. B. Ridley, acknowledged the due execution thereof by them as their act and deed (and afterwards the said M. A. B. Ridley being by me privately examined, separately and apart from her said husband, touching her free consent in the execution of the said Stat of Emancipation, or her said examination declared that she had executed the same freely, of her own will and accord and without any force, fear or undue influence of her said husband or any other person, and that she voluntarily agreed thereto.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal

this 20th day of December 1849.

John H. Ridley,
Commissioner.

Southern County, In the Clerk's Office, December the 28th 1849.

This Stat of Emancipation and Stat from Thomas Ridley and wife to Joseph W. Venable, was this day received and together with the Certificate thereto annexed of the acknowledgment of the said Thomas Ridley and of the private examination and acknowledgment of the wife, before two Justices of the Peace, and also of the acknowledgment of the said Thomas Ridley and the private examination and acknowledgment of the wife, before a Commissioner of Justice appointed by the State of North Carolina in and for the State of Virginia, admitted to record. A Stamp of the Seal of the United States to the amount of fifty cents, being affixed thereto and duly cancelled.

Teste, James R. Dykes, J.C.

Now also read by said parties, that A. H. Briggs, Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton, in the presence of W. Briggs, W. Jones and others, made this 20th day of Dec. 1849, do hereby for and in