

William Butler of Southampton

Virginia being fully persuaded that ^{it is the natural} right of all mankind, and that it is ^{his duty} to do to all others, as I would desire to be done ^{in the like situation} and having under my care, Three Negro Girls vizt Violet aged about fourteen years and eight months Molly aged about thirteen years and two months, Riter, aged about five years and four months, Also one Negro boy named Daniel, aged about seven years and six months Whom I therefore held as slaves. I hereby emancipate and set free the aforesaid negroes, Yet I believe it right for me to reserve the prerogative of Acting as a Guardian over them, untill the Girls shall arrive to the age of eighteen years, and the boy to the age of Twenty one years And I do for my self my heirs executors, and assigns Relinquish all my right title interest and claim, or pretension of claim whatsoever either their persons or to any estate they may acquire after they shall attain to the age above said, which will be as followeth vizt Violet on the 10th day of the 8th month 1790. Molly on the 9th Day of the 10th month 1791. Riter on the 10th day of the 12th month 1790. Daniel on the 10th day of the 2^d month 1800, Then to have their full freedom without any Interruption from me or any person claiming for or under me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th Day of the Eighth month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty six

Sealed & Delivered
In presence of

William Butler (S)

Samson Stanton
Richard Wynn

At a monthly Court held for the County of Southampton the 14th Day of September 1786 This emancipation was Acknowledged by William Butler party hereto & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste Samkell & Co