

Southampton County Virginia

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Whereas an Act of general Assembly

Intituled an Act to authorize the Manumission of slaves gives liberty
to all persons holding slaves under certain Restrictions to manumit
them Therefore be it known to all whom it may concern that
I Thomas Jayner of the County & State aforesaid being clearly
Sensible and fully persuaded that freedom is the natural &
unalienable right of all man kind and also having a single eye to
that golden rule prescribed in sacred Writ Wt. Wt. do to all men as ye
would they should do to you do hereby agreeable to the above recited
Act manumit a Negro Man slave now in my possession by the Name
of Sam Black man of about forty Years of age, and do hereby freely
and voluntary by from a sacred regard that I have for the rights of
Mankind acknowledge I deliver him the above named Sam black
Man free and discharged from all duties and services due me from
him as slave disclaiming and renouncing for myself his Executors
Administrators or Assigns and for all or any of them all right
and title to him or any Thing hereafter lawfully possessed by him
whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this Thirteenth Day of December 1787

Signed and sealed in the
Presence of

Dr Barwood
Giles Johnson

Thomas Jayner

At a Court held for the County of
Southampton on the 13 day of December

1787 - This deed for Manumission Negro Sam was acknow-
ledged by the within Named Thomas Jayner and Ordered
to be Recorded