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Henry
Jones
Manumission
of two Slaves

Southampton County Virginia

Whereas an Act of General Assembly intituled an Act to authorize the Manumission of Slaves gives liberty to all Persons holding slaves to manumit them under certain Restrictions Therefore be it known to all whom it may concern that I Henry Jones of the said State a forsaide being duly sensible and fully persuaded that Freedom is the Natural and unalienable Right of all Mankind and also seeing That equitable Rule prescribed by the great Author of the Christian Religion namely do to all Men as ye would they should do to you Do hereby agreeable to the above recited Act manumit Two negro Slaves now in my Possession by the Names of James Freedom & George Liberty the said James Freedom being about eighteen & George about Eighteen Years of Age and I do hereby Freely and Voluntarily from a sacred regard that I have for the Rights of mankind Acknowledge and declare them the aforesaid James Freedom & George Liberty Free and discharged from all Duties and Services due me from them as Slaves disclaiming and Renouncing for myself their Executors Administrators or Assigns and for all or any of them all Right and Title to them or any thing lawfully acquired or possessed by them whatsoever from and after they shall arrive at the Age of Twenty One In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal This thirtieth day of December 1787

Henry Jones (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 14th day of February 1788— This Deed for the manumission of the Slaves therein named was Acknowledged in Court by Henry Jones party hereto and Ordered to be Recorded