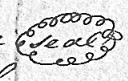


Giles  
Johnson  
Emancipation  
of two slaves

# Southampton County Virginia

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Whereas an act of general assembly intitled 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 Giles Johnson of the county and state aforesaid being duly sensible and fully persuaded that freedom is the natural and unalienable right of all Mankind Value having a single eye to that equitable rule prescribed by the great Author of the Christian religion Namely "Do unto all men as ye would they should do unto you Do hereby agreeable to the above recited act manumit two Negro men now in my possession by the names of James and Dick Black skin the said James being about thirty eight and Dick about Twenty three years of age and I do hereby freely and voluntarily from a sacred regard that I have for the rights of Mankind acknowledge & declare them the aforesame named James & Dick Black skin free & discharged from all duties and services due me from them their claiming and renouncing for myself heirs Executors Administrators or assigns of for all or any of them all right & title to them or any thing hereafter lawfully acquired or possessed by them whatsoever In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of December 1787

Giles Johnson 

At a Court held for the County of Southampton  
The <sup>14</sup> day of February 1788 — This Deed for  
the emancipation of the slaves therein named was  
acknowledged in court by Giles Johnson party hereto  
and ordered to be recorded.



Jam Kella, R.  


Wm Brown  
to Th: Wood  
Delivered  
to Th: Wood.

MS Indenture Made this Fourteenth day of  
January in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand  
seven hundred and eighty eight Between William Brown  
only surviving and acting executor of the last will  
and Testament and Codicil annexed of William B — now