

Giles
Johnson
Manumission
of two slaves

Southampton County Virginia

65

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 Therefore be it known to all whom
it may concern that I Giles Johnson of the county and state aforesaid
being duly sensible and fully persuaded that Freedom is the natu-
ral and unalienable right of all Mankind Values having a single Eye
to that equatable Rule prescribed by the great Author of the Chris-
tian religion Namely "Do unto all men as ye would they should
do unto you" Do hereby agreeable to the above recited Act, manu-
mit two Negroes Men now in my Possession by the names of
James and Dick Black Shin 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 above
named James & Dick Black Shin Free & Discharged from
all duties and Services due me from them as Slaves disclaim-
ing and renouncing for myself their Executors Administ-
rators or assigns 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 1707

Giles Johnson Seal

At a Court held for the County of Southampton
The (14 day of February) 1708 This Deed for
the emancipation of the Slaves therein named was
Acknowledged in Court by Giles Johnson Party hereto
and ordered to be recorded.

Samuell B.

Dr. Brown
to
Th. Wood
Delivered
to
Th. Wood

This 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 Brown