

State of South Carolina Greenville District. I do hereby Certify unto all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Bill a negro man Slave this securities (viz) John Alexander, Benj<sup>n</sup>. Arnold, Alexander Pedee, Thomas Pedee, David Pedee, John A. Pedee, William Pedee and James Alexander, I have bargained sold Emancipated & freed the said negro man Bill and do hereby warrant and forever defend the said negro in his freedom against myself my heirs and assigns and against all persons whomsoever ~~lawfully~~ claiming him the said negro man Bill as their property. and the said negro is hereby declared free without any let hindrance molestation or interruption of any person or persons whomsoever either in this State or in the United States. Given under my hand and seal this seventeenth day of October Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred and Eight - Witness,

James Pedee, John S. Pedee } James Dunklin *[Signature]*

State of S<sup>c</sup>. Carolina Greenville District. Agreeable to an act of Assembly of the State aforesaid, bearing date the twentieth day of December 1800: I Benjamin Arnold one of the Justices of the Quorum, being informed by James Dunklin that he had an intention to emancipate and set free a certain negro man named Bill Pursuant therunto I issued summons to five freeholders who attended accordingly, the said Slave being present, and after asking the said James Dunklin the necessary Questions on oath prescribed by Law do give the following Certificate (viz)

We do hereby Certify upon the Examination of James Dunklin on oath the of a certain Slave named Bill, thirty one years old five feet eleven inches high stout and well made a Carpenter by trade satisfactory proof has been given us that the said Slave is not of bad Character and is Capable of gaining a livelihood by honest means, Certified by us this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1808

Benj<sup>n</sup>. Arnold J<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Hamilton, William Pedee, Alex<sup>r</sup>. Pedee  
David Pedee, John S. Pedee

South Carolina Greenville District. Personally came before me John S. Pedee and with on oath that he was present and did see James Dunklin as his act and deed sign seal and deliver the within deed of Emancipation for the use and purpose within mentioned, and further sayeth that he did see James Pedee sign his name with himself as a subscribing witness sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1808. James Alexander J<sup>r</sup> } John J. Pedee

[Recorded the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1808]