



**Manumission (Freeing) of Ana Kingsley,
by her master (and husband)**

Manumission Agreement for Ana Kingsley, slave and wife of Zephaniah Kingsley

In the name of Almighty God, let it be known that I, Don Zephaniah Kingsley, a settler residing on the St. Johns River of this province, state: That I have possession of a slave named Ana, eighteen years old, that I purchased direct from Africa at an auction in the port of Havana, and with the permission of the governor brought here; and since then she has given birth to three mulatto children named Jorge, aged three years and nine months, Marta, twenty months, and María, one month; and conscious of the good qualities of this bonded slave, the attention and loyalty with which she has served me, and for other reasons, I hereby graciously give her her liberty, and without conditions, the same to the aforesaid three children. For which, and to carry out which, I authorize before those present that I free the said slave Ana and the three children, from all subjugation, captivity, and servitude, and I set aside all rights of ownership, possession, obligation, and other rights private and public that I had over these four slaves, and that I cede, renounce, and transfer rights to them, so that from this day forth they may engage in trade, in contract, in buying and selling, in legal judgments, and may authorize in writing wills, powers of attorney, codicils, and do all the other things that free people can do, by their own will, without the permission of anyone . . .

In testimony of which on this date in the city of St. Augustine of La Florida, the 4th of March, 1811, I, the public notary, pledge faith, and I sign with the witnesses, Don Juan de Entralgo, Don Bartolome de Casto y Ferrer, and Don Bernardo Seguí, present.