

(28.)

Know all men by these presents, that I Elizabeth
Russell of Washington county Virginia, have given and
granted unto my black man Rich Braddy (also
Rich the blacksmith his freedom for and
during ~~the~~ life; and hereby guarantees and
grant him full permission to do and Act
for himself as a free man during my life
Provided that he the said Rich performs
my agreement with Mr William King ^{for the term of two years} for which
I have given him an Order to receive
the Wages for his work from said King
to wit, fifty pounds per annum & annuities.
Witness my hand and seal, East Works
April 15th 1797 (seven)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Hugh Stuart
Robert Mitchell
James King

Eliza Russell ss

At a Court held for Washington County the
20th day of April 1797 This Instrument of
writing was proved by the oaths of Robert
Mitchell a witness thereto, and at a Court
held for Washington county the 16th day of
May 1797 it was further proved by the oath
of Hugh Stuart a witness thereto and
Ordered to be recorded

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And Russell sc