



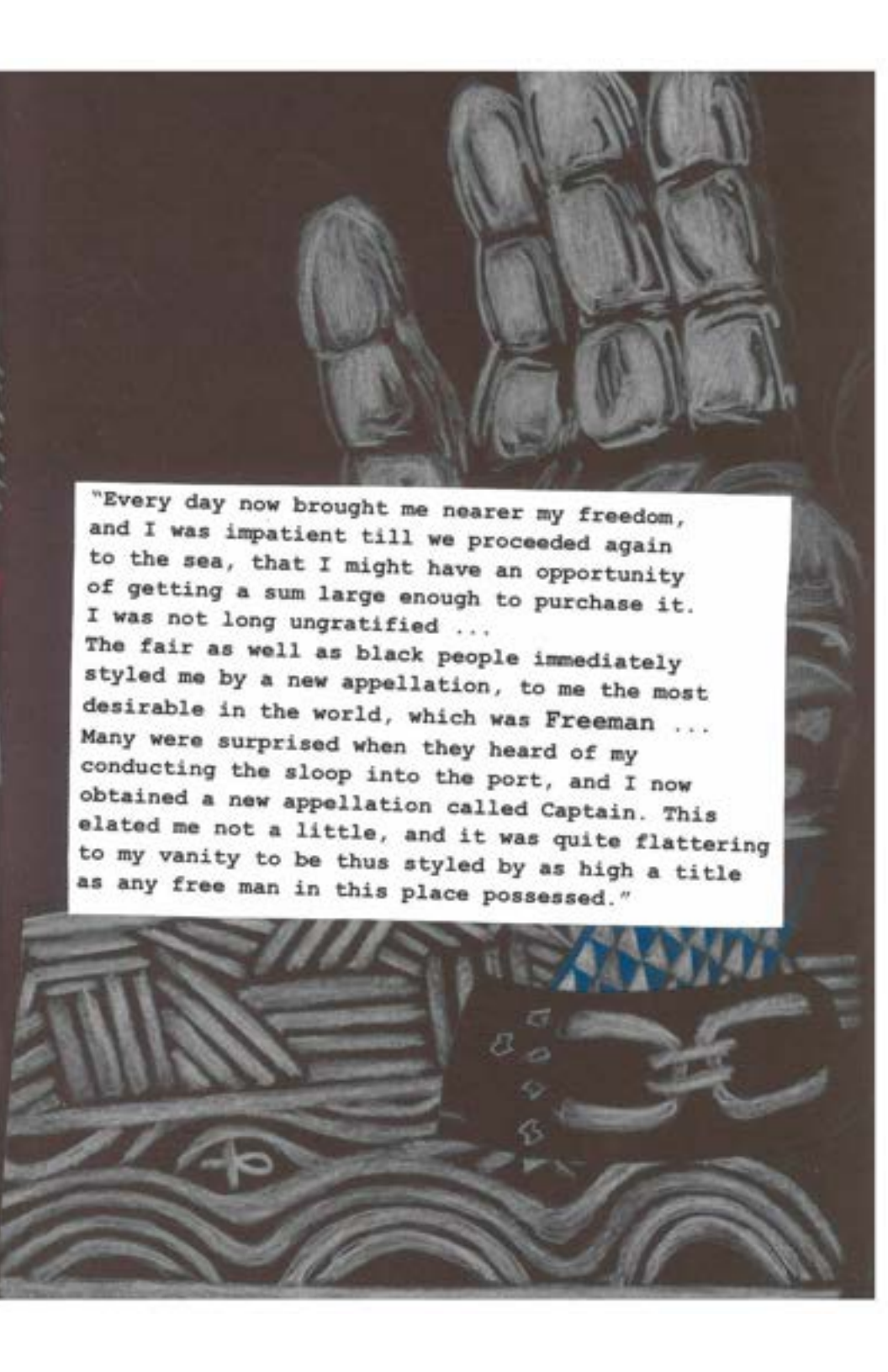
manumission

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noun

HISTORICAL

release from slavery.



"Every day now brought me nearer my freedom, and I was impatient till we proceeded again to the sea, that I might have an opportunity of getting a sum large enough to purchase it. I was not long ungratified ... The fair as well as black people immediately styled me by a new appellation, to me the most desirable in the world, which was Freeman ... Many were surprised when they heard of my conducting the sloop into the port, and I now obtained a new appellation called Captain. This elated me not a little, and it was quite flattering to my vanity to be thus styled by as high a title as any free man in this place possessed."