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[Authentic hadith] [Al-Bayhaqi - Narrated by Ad-Daraqutny - 'Abdur-Razzaaq]

In this tradition, Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) mentions that a slave man who is owned by a master can divorce his free wife or his slave wife twice only. His free wife should then observe a waiting period of three menstrual cycles. Likewise, a free man can divorce his slave wife twice only, who then should observe a waiting period of two menstrual cycles.

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