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Certificate of Rich. Ponsonly respecting the freedom of Wm. Russell

Rec Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1805 into the Clerks office of Prince Georges County to be Recorded and same day was Recorded in Liber JRM No 11 page 166 one of the Land Records of said County and Examined by J Read Magruder Jr.

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Bladensburgh[sic] 21<sup>st</sup> September 1802

I do hereby certify that Jane Russell a yellow woman now deceased who lived in my family many years ago was born free, and that her son William Russell now about twenty three years of age is also free and was born so while his mother was in my service

*Rd Ponsonly*

Prince Georges County September 17<sup>th</sup> 1802

It appearing from the within certificate of W. [?]Ponsonly that the Bearer hereof William Russell a yellow man was born free he is therefore entitled to the privileges of a free man of travelling wherever his business may call him without being interrupted he behaving himself as a good citizen-

Given under my hand the day above mentioned

*Sam Hepburn*

(true copy)