The State of Maryland Prince George's County

I hereby certify that the bearer hereof a Black Man by the name of John Howard, about twenty five years old, about five feet six or eight inches high, having two large scars on his breast just under his throat, and one on his right foot and thick lips, is a freeman, being the Descendant of a freewoman by the name of Ally Howard —

Given under my hand & seal of office this 19th day of January 1819

Ed Hanwood
Clk Prince George's
Cty Ct —