

in substance as follows: "——— precinct, —— ward or county. This is to certify that the name of ——, heretofore residing at ——, in this precinct, has been stricken from the registry of the precinct and the proper erasure made, and that upon the registers of this precinct the following entries appear with reference to him: Name ——, age ——, color ——, residence ——, nativity ——, time of residence in precinct ——, time of residence in county (or city) ——, time of residence in State ——, naturalized ——, date of papers ——, court ——, qualified voter ——, date of application ——.

"Board of Supervisors of Elections (or of Registry)."

The foregoing certificate shall be granted by the board of registry when in session, or by the board of supervisors of elections prior to said session of the board of registry under the following regulations—that is to say: If at the time application for said removal certificate is made the name of the said voter is already erased from the registry, then it shall be the duty of the said board of supervisors or the said board of registry to grant the certificate to the voter himself or to any other person making application therefor. But if at the time such application is made the name of the voter still upon the registry of voters as a qualified voter, the removal certificate shall be granted and the name stricken off only upon the personal application of such voter to the board of supervisors or to the said board of registry, and after his taking and subscribing an oath substantially as follows: "I, ——, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I now reside at ——, in —— county; that I am the same person who is entered by that name as a qualified voter in the registers of the —— precinct of —— county; that I have removed from the said last-mentioned residence, and I do request that the proper entries and records be made, and that my name be erased from the registers of said last-mentioned precinct, and that a certificate of removal be furnished me at this time." The foregoing affidavit shall be written or printed on the back of such certificate of removal, and when presented to the board of registry of the precinct in which such applicant resides it shall be taken by said board and returned to the office of supervisors of elections. When such certificate shall be granted, either by the board of registry or by the supervisors of elections, as the case may be, the name of such applicant shall be erased from the registers of the precinct from which he removed.

Purpose of requiring an applicant to produce a certificate of his removal from the precinct where he was formerly registered. Such applicant is to be questioned just as though he had presented himself for registration without being registered elsewhere. Although an applicant was not questioned as he should have been, he may prove that he was entitled to register, in which case his name will not be struck off the list. *Davis v. O'Berry*, 93 Md. 710.

Upon the presentation of a certificate (in accordance with the act of 1890, ch. 573), that a voter's name had been stricken from the list of registered voters in a town from which he had removed, he was entitled to registration