

State of Maryland Caroline County, to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named John A Bryan for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided, by which said acts free negroes and multattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a certificate of being free born; And Whereas also upon the oath of Delahay Sparklin of Caroline County that the said negro man named John A Bryan for whom this certificate is made was free born; I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his own account he was twenty two years of age the fourteenth day of February last, five feet six and a quarter inches high or thereabouts, Complexion Black, born and raised in Caroline County, and has five large, and several small scars of ulcers on and about his right shoulder and no other notable mark, or scars that I have observed -

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In Testimony Whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this eighteenth day of May A. D. 1836

Cost. \$1.00

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Caroline County Court

State of Maryland, Caroline County, to wit; — Whereas, heretofore, to wit, on the seventeenth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and one, a certain Batchelor Chaner, of the County and State aforesaid, by deed of manumission, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded, among the land records of Caroline County, aforesaid, did manumit and set free a certain negro boy named Hercules, to be free from and after the expiration of nine years from the date of the said manumission; and where- as the said negro Hercules, now a man, has made application to me for a certificate of his freedom according to the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided, and being satisfied by the affi- mation of Batchelor G. Chaner, of Caroline County aforesaid, that the said negro man named Her- cules for whom this certificate is made, is the same person, mentioned in the said deed of manumission, I do therefore grant his said application, and hereby certify, from the testimony of the said Batchelor G. Chaner that, he, the said negro man named Hercules, is now about forty seven years of age, that he is five feet, six & a half inches high or thereabouts - of a black complexion - born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, and has a large scar of a welt on the back of his left arm, about half way between the elbow and shoulder joints, and another scar in his left eye brow, and no other notable marks or scars that I have observed -

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