

twenty second day of May last past, five feet and one inch high or thereabouts, was born and raised in Caroline County and of a black complexion, and has no notable mark or scar that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this 6th day of December A.D.

1841

J. Richardson, ^{LLD} of
Caroline County Court

Cost 1:00

State of Maryland, Caroline County, to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a mulatto man, named Benjamin Dowers for a certificate of his freedom, agreeably to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided, by which said acts free negroes and mulattoes 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 Jonathan Nichols of Caroline County aforesaid that the said mulatto man named Benjamin Dowers 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 seven years of age on the twenty fifth day of December last past six feet and three quarters of an inch high or thereabouts, was born and raised in Caroline County complexion Mulatto, and has a scar of a cut on the back of his right hand and another scar of a cut just above the instep on his left leg and his face scared by the small pox and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed, In Testimony

whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this 16th day of December Eighteen hundred and forty one

J. Richardson, ^{LLD}

Caroline County Court

Seal

State of Maryland, Caroline County, to wit, Whereas heretofore, to wit, on the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and forty two a certain William Potter of Caroline County died of of Manumission, duly acknowledged and recorded among the land records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro man named Henry And whereas the same negro man Henry hath made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided: And whereas also upon the oath of Tabdiel W. Potter, of the County aforesaid that the said negro man named Henry for whom this certificate is made, is the same person mentioned in the said manumission, I do therefore grant his said application, and hereby certify that from his own account he is about twenty five years of age five feet four and a half inches high