

State of Maryland Caroline County, to wit; Whereas application hath been made made to me by a negro man, named Joseph Howard 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 obtaining of a Certificate of being free born; And whereas also upon the attestation of Isaac Hennis of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro man named Joseph Howard for whom this Certificate is made ^{free} was born, and I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that from his own account he was twenty two years of age some time in the latter part of December last - five feet four and a half inches high or thereabouts, was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, and of a black Complexion and has a small scar at the outer Corner of his left eye another small scar on the middle finger of his left hand between the hand joint and Knuckle, and another scar on the top of his right foot and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed -



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State of Maryland Caroline County, to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by mulatto woman named Ann Emily Thomas for a Certificate of her 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 obtaining of a certificate of being free born, And Whereas also upon the oath of Delphica Sperry of Caroline County aforesaid that the said mulatto woman named Ann Emily Thomas for whom this Certificate is made was free born, I do therefore grant her said application and hereby Certify that from her own account she is now about twenty years of age five feet ^{two} and three quarters inches high or thereabouts was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, and of a dark mulatto Complexion and has no notable marks or scars that I have observed.



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