

State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro woman named Maria Reasons 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 Thomas B. Culbuth of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro woman named Maria Reasons for whom this Certificate is made was free born. - I do therefore grant her said application and truly Certify that from her own account she is now about forty years of age five feet two and one quarter inches high or thereabouts of a dark mulatto complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, has a large Scar on the inside of her ^{left} hand near the joint, and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed.



In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Caroline County Court, the 29th day of July Anno Domini 1845.

James M. Fontaine Clerk of
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named Cato (alias) John Carson 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 oath of John Nicols of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro man named Cato (alias) John Carson for whom this Certificate is made was free born. - I do therefore grant his said application and truly Certify that from his own account he is now about thirty one years of age five feet eight inches high or thereabouts of a mulatto complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County has a small scar on the inside of his left arm near the elbow joint and has