

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named William Pratts for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided, by which said act free negroes and mottos 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 Thomas Snow of Caroline County that the said negro man named William Pratts 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} thirty three years of age the second day of May last, five feet seven and a half inches high or thereabouts, of a mottato complexion was born and raised in Caroline County, has two small scars on the upper part of the right side of the forehead caused as he says by a cart wheel running over his head and no other notable marks or scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof thereto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this 10th day of August Anno Domini 1829

J. Richardson Clerk of
Caroline County, Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named William Chamberlin for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided, by which said act free negroes and mottatoes 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 John Whittier of Caroline County that the said negro man named William Chamberlin 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 one years of age ^{the second day of} August Instant, five feet five and three quarter inches high or thereabouts of a complexion nearly black, was born and raised in Caroline County and has a scar on the left ~~part~~ side of the upper part of his forehead nearly in the shape of a right angle - and another small scar of a cut on the right side of his nose, and another small scar of a cut burn on his right cheek near the nose, several small scars on his left hand and a large scar of a cut on his right shin and no other notable