

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro woman named Comfort Bell 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 obtention of a certificate of being free born, And Whereas also upon the oath of Tilghman H Hubbard of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro woman named Comfort Bell 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 seventeen years of age five feet two inches high or thereabouts of a chesnut complexion was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid & has a scar occasioned by a burn on her right wrist & also a small scar on the middle joint of the fore finger of the right hand and has no other notable Marks or Scars that I have observed,

In Testimony whereof I hereto
subscribe my name and affix
the seal of Caroline County Court
this 29th day of September A.D. 1844
James H Fountain clk

of Caroline County Court

State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit, Whereas Application hath been made to me by a negro man named John Fountain 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 James Shields of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro man named John Fountain for whom this certificate was made was free born I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his own account he is now about twenty two years of age five feet five one half inches high or thereabouts

