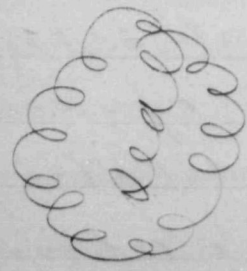

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State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit. Whereas
 application hath been made to me by a negro
 woman named Hester Ann Adams for a
 Certificate of her freedom agreeably to the acts of
 Assembly in such case made and provided
 by which said acts free 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 ~~test~~ oath of
 John R. Willis of Caroline County, aforesaid
 that the said negro woman named Hester
 Ann Adams, 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 three years of age five feet, one ~~and~~
 four half inches high or thereabouts of a light
 Chestnut Complexion was born and raised
 in Caroline County and has a scar
 on her left wrist, also a small scar below
 the right eye and another on the back
 of the right hand, and has no other notable
 marks or scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof ~~the~~ I humbly
 subscribe my name and affix the
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 James H. Fountain *Att*
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