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~~Ellen Stanford has left Caroline County this 24<sup>th</sup> March 1841 with Mr. Tatum~~  
for the purpose of waiting on Mr. Tatum, until she ~~may~~ returns home -

State of Maryland Caroline County to wits: Whereas  
Mary Johnson hath made application to me for a  
certificate of her freedom agreeably to law and whereas  
on the oath of Pridem Keels that the said Mary Johnson  
was free born - I do grant this Certificate: She  
is now about 30 years of age 5 feet 3 inches  
high or thereabouts of a ~~dark~~ <sup>Black</sup> complexion  
was born & raised in Caroline County & has a small  
scar near the 1<sup>st</sup> joint after left thumb.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe  
my name and affix the seal of the Circuit  
Court for Caroline County this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1856.

Thomas P. Gandy Clerk

Caroline County to wits: Whereas Samuel Dier hath  
made application to me for a certificate of his freedom  
agreeably to law and whereas on the oath of Samuel  
Shawns has been proven that said Samuel Dier  
was free born. I do therefore grant this certificate he is  
now about 21 years of age five feet five inches or  
a quarter high or thereabouts of a ~~black~~ <sup>black</sup> complexion  
was born & raised in Caroline County and has  
no scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto  
subscribe my name and affix the  
seal of the Circuit Court for Caroline  
County this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September  
Anno Domini 1856

Thomas P. Gandy Clerk