

To Joseph Richardson Esquire Clerk of Caroline County Court. —

I the undersigned a free negro of Caroline County wishing to visit the City of Philadelphia for the purpose of seeing ~~my~~ relations, by an act of assembly of this State, it is necessary my intentions of leaving this State should be made known to you. it is my intention to return here again within three weeks from this date. Given under my hand ~~and~~ the seventeenth

day of November 1840. —

Test Josiah Smith

Rachel ^{her} Stanfords
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