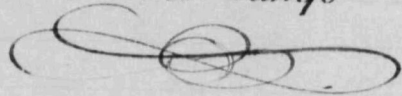


To Joseph Richardson Esquire, Clerk of Caroline County Court:

The Undersigned a free negro, of Caroline County wishing to visit Wilmington Delaware for the purpose of working &c. By an act of Assembly of this State it is rec^d that any my intention of leaving this State, should be known to you; it is my intention to return here again within six months from this date—

Given ~~under~~ my hand this 19th day of December Anno Domini 1837—
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