

To, Joseph Richardson, Clerk of Caroline County Court,

The undersigned a free negro of Caroline County,
wishing to visit Wilmington Delaware for the purpose working. By an act of
this State it is necessary my intention of leaving this State should be made known
to you - It is my intention to return here again within three months from this date.

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1837

Test. Thos. V. Bishop

James ^{his} Ryons
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