

public seal of my office this first day of December anno Domini Eighteen  
hundred and thirty five. —

J. Richardson Clerk of

Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County, town; Whereas heretofore, to wit; on the second  
day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and two, a certain Charles  
Blair of Caroline County by deed of Manumission duly acknowledged and recorded,  
among the land records of Caroline County, did manumit and set free a certain negro  
woman named Sophia now calling herself Sophia Friend, to be free on the 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of January Eighteen hundred and three, and the said negro woman named Sophia  
now calling herself Sophia Friend having made application to me for a certificate  
of her freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided,  
and whereas also upon the oath of Abel Gowdy of Caroline County, that the said  
negro woman named Sophia now calling herself Sophia Friend for whom this  
certificate is made is the same person mentioned in the said Manumission: I do  
therefore grant her said application and hereby certify that from her age as expressed  
in the said Manumission, that she was thirty nine years of age in June last,  
five feet one inch high or thereabouts of a dark complexion, born and raised in  
Caroline County, and has a tolerable large scar on her right breast occasioned  
from a gathering and an other small scar of a cut on the first joint of her left  
forefinger, and no other notable marks or scars that I have observed. —

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the public  
seal of my office this first day of December anno Domini Eighteen hundred  
and thirty five. —

J. Richardson Clerk of

Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County, town; Whereas application hath been made to  
me by a negro man named Ephraim Curtis, for a certificate of his freedom, agreeably  
to the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided, by which said act free negroes  
and mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtaining of a  
certificate of being free born, and whereas also upon the oath of Thomas H. Baynard  
of Kent County and State of Delaware, that the said negro man named  
Ephraim Curtis for whom this certificate is made, was free born, I do therefore  
grant his said application, and hereby certify that from his own account he is  
about thirty years of age, five feet seven and one half inches high or thereabouts  
of a brown complexion, born and raised in Caroline County, and has a tolerable