

Annus Domini Eighteen Hundred and fifty eight

Robert J. Gump Clerk of the
Sinecure Court for Caroline County

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: Whereas on the sixteenth day of July
Annus Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty three a certain Annus Pratt
of Caroline County by deed of Manumission duly duly executed acknowledged and
recorded among the land record books of Caroline County did manumit and set
free several negroes one called Essex to serve thirty five years from the date of the
aforesaid manumission which term expired on the sixteenth day of July
Eighteen hundred and fifty eight: (now calling himself Essex Red) and the
said negro man named Essex (now calling himself Essex Red) having made
application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly
in such case made and Whereas also upon the oath of William Turner of
Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro man named Essex (now calling
himself Essex Red) for whom this certificate is made is the same person
mentioned in the said manumission. I do therefore grant herein said application
and hereby certify that he is now about forty years of age five feet nine inches
high or there about of a dark chestnut complexion and has a scar over the
left eye & one other scar on the forehead and has no other scars that I have
observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name
and affix the seal of the Sinecure Court for Caroline County
this twenty fifth day of September Annus Domini 1858

Robert J. Gump Clerk
of the
Sinecure Court for Caroline County