

State of Maryland Caroline County to wits: Whereas heretofore
to wits: on the 19th day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and eighteen a certain Richard Chambers of the County
and State aforesaid by deed of Manumission duly executed
acknowledged and recorded among the land records of
Caroline County aforesaid did manumit and set free a certain
negro woman named Ann provided the said Ann should
serve fourteen years from the date of said manumission
and if during the period of said servitude of the said Ann
she should have any issue of her body if female to serve
until 20 years of age and if male to serve until 21 year
of age. And whereas application made to me by a negro
now present calling himself John H. Robinson for a certifi-
-cate of his freedom agreeably to law and whereas on the
oath of Thomas Bell has been proved that said John H.
Robinson is a child of the aforesaid Ann and now
free. I do therefore grant this certificate he is now about
thirty one year of age five feet five inches high or there-
-about of a dark Chesnut complexion was born and
raised in Caroline County and has no scar or mark
that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto sub-
scribe my name and affix the seal
of the Circuit Court for Caroline County
this 6th day of January A D 1858
Robert J. Gambrill