

Annis Eighteen Hundred and fifty eight

Robert J. Grump Clerk of the  
Sircuit Court for Caroline County

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: Whereas on the sixteenth day of July  
Annis Domini one thousand Eight hundred and twenty three a certain Ann Pratt  
of Caroline County by deed of Manumission duly ~~made~~ 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 time 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 him 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 have to subscribed my name  
and affix the seal of the Sircuit Court for Caroline County  
this twenty fifth day of September Annis Domini 1858

Robert J. Grump Clerk  
of the

Sircuit Court for Caroline County