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of my office this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December Anno Domini  
1818.

Jos. Richardson Clerk of  
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit,

Whereas application hath been made to me by a male man  
named Richard Philips for a certificate of his freedom, agree-  
ably to an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed  
the 10<sup>th</sup> of November Eighteen hundred and five, by which  
said act, free negroes and mollattoes are permitted to travel  
out of this state, upon their obtention of a certificate of being  
free born, and whereas also upon the affirmation of James  
Wright one of those people called Quakers, of said County  
aforesaid, that the said negro man Richard Philips  
for whom this certificate is made was free born, I do there-  
fore grant his said application, and here by certify that  
he is five feet nine inches high or thereabouts, says he  
was about twenty two years of age the twentieth day of No-  
vember last past, his complexion yellow, was born & raised  
in Caroline County has no notable mark that I have dis-  
covered.

Seal

In testimony whereof I have here to set  
my hand and affixed the public seal of  
my office this ninth day of December Anno  
domini one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

Jos. Richardson Clerk of Caroline  
County Court

The State of Maryland Caroline County to wit-

Whereas negro Benjamin Palmer heretofore on the seventh day of  
March Twentieth hundred and ninety one, was manumitted by  
Richard Lookerman of the state and county aforesaid, to be  
free and at perfect liberty in January eight hundred and  
seven, as by the said manumission reference being had thereto  
will appear, and by the oath of Mr. Edward O. Clark that the  
said negro Benjamin Palmer, is the identical person who was  
manumitted as aforesaid, I hereby certify that from the age  
expressed in the said manumission the said negro man  
Benjamin Palmer, will be thirty seven years of age the  
tenth day of January next ensuing, five feet eleven inches  
high or thereabouts, of a dark brown complexion, was born and  
raised in the county aforesaid, near Tuckahoe Creek, has a