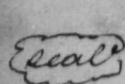


State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a colored man named John Solly for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, by which said act free negroes and Molattoes are permitted to travel out of this state, upon the obtaining of a Certificate of being free born, and whereas also upon the oath of Abraham Griffith of Caroline County that the said negro man named John Solly for whom this certificate is made was free born, I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that he is twenty three years of age or thereabouts the first of October last, he is about five feet four inches and a half high of a dark brown complexion was born and raised in Caroline County and has a scar on each of his knees & no other scar or marks that I have observed —



In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affix the
Public seal of my Office this 27th day of November Anno Domini
1822
J. Richardson Clerk of
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas on the thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and twenty three — William Shilton of Caroline County by deed of Manumission duly executed acknowledged and recorded amongst the Land records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain Molatto woman named Maria to be free from the date of the said Manumission, and the said molatto woman named Maria having made application to me for a Certificate of her freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided and whereas also upon the Oath of Caroline ~~Shilton~~ of Caroline County that the said molatto woman named Maria 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 the said molatto woman named Maria according to her age as expressed in the said manumission will be Twenty nine years of age the thirty first day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty three, she is about four feet, ten and three quarter inches high of a light molatto complexion was born & raised in Caroline County & has no notable scars or marks that I have observed



In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affix the public
Seal of my Office this 12th day of December Anno Domini 1822
J. Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court