

~~State of Maryland Caroline County Court, Whereas, on the  
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~~by Deed of Manumission, duly executed & acknowledged and recorded amongst the Court  
Records of Caroline County, said Manumit and~~

Maryland Caroline County Court, Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro woman named Mary Ann Sharp for a Certificate, agreeably to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided by which said act free negroes & Molattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon their obtaining of a Certificate of being free born, And whereas also upon the affirmations of William Emerson of Caroline County that the said negro woman named Mary Ann Sharp, for whom this Certificate is made, was free born —

I do therefore grant her said application, and hereby Certify that she is five feet, five inches high at the abouts, of a black complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County, she is between Eighteen & nineteen years of age and has a small scar on the left side of the end of her nose caused by a Cut, and a small scar on the Ball of the middle finger of her left hand & no other mark or scar that I can discover. — In Testimony whereof

<sup>Seal</sup> I have subscribed my name & affix the public seal of my office this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Domini 1823 —

John C. [unclear] of Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County, to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named John Black for a Certificate agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made & provided by which said act free negroes and molattoes are permitted to travel out of this state, upon their obtaining of a Certificate of being free born and whereas also upon the affirmations of James Anderson of Caroline County, that the said negro man named John Black