

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas on the Twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Twenty four, a certain Nathaniel Polter of the City of Baltimore, by deed of manumission duly executed acknowledged and recorded among the land records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro man named Philip Byas, and the said negro man named Philip Byas having made application to me for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, and I being satisfied of my own personal knowledge that the said negro man named Philip Byas for whom this Certificate is made is the same person mentioned in the said manumission, I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that the said negro man named Philip Byas is forty years of age or thereabouts he is about five feet five inches high of a brown complexion was born in Talbot County and raised in Caroline County, the thumb of his right hand cut off at the first joint & no other mark or scar that I have observed — In Testimony whereof I write subscribe my name and affix the  
 (Seal) public seal of my office this 31st day of July Anno Domini 1824 —  
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State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a coloured woman named Mahala Wicker, for a Certificate of her 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 obtention of a Certificate of being free born, and whereas also upon the oath of Samuel Wadswaette of Caroline County, that the said coloured woman named Mahala Wicker for whom this Certificate is made was free born — I do therefore grant her said application and hereby Certify that she is five feet four inches high or thereabouts, she is about sixteen years of age, was born and raised in Caroline County, of a complexion nearly black, has a large scar of a Burn, on the right hand fingers, thumb and wrist, and no other notable scar or mark that I have observed — In Testimony whereof I write subscribe my name & affix the public seal of my office this 23<sup>d</sup>  
 (Seal) day of August Anno Domini 1824 — J. Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court  
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