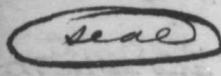


State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas hitherto to wit; on the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twenty three a certain Mary Traversed of Caroline County by deed of manumission, duly executed acknowledged & recorded among the land records of Caroline County did manumit & set free a certain negro man named Aaron (otherwise called Aaron Traversed) to be free & at perfect liberty from & after the date of the said manumission. And the said negro man named Aaron, having made application to ~~me~~ for a certificate of his freedom, agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided And whereas also upon the Oath of William Whitley Junr of Caroline County that the said negro man named Aaron 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 from the age as expressed in said manumission the said negro man Aaron, will be thirty years of age the Twenty second day of March next he is about five feet four and three quarters inches high, of a dark brown complexion, was born & raised in Caroline County & has a large scar on his right knee & no other mark or scar that I have observed

 In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name & affix the public seal of my office this 22<sup>d</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1825 — To Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court —

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas hitherto to wit; on the Eighteenth day of January Eight hundred & twenty five, a certain William Whitley of Caroline County 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 Esau, to be free and at perfect liberty from & after the date of the said manumission, & the said negro man Esau having made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, and whereas also upon the Oath of the said William Whitley that the said negro man named <sup>Esau</sup> is the same person mentioned in the said manumission, I do therefore grant his said application & hereby Certify that from the age as expressed in the said manumission the said negro man named Esau, is about the age of forty years, he is about five feet seven inches high of a dark brown complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County and has a small scar of a cut a little above and on the outside joint of his left wrist & no other notable marks or scar that I have discovered —

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name  I affix the public seal of my office this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1825 — To Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court —