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State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: Whereas application hath been made to me by a coloured man named James Groce 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 obtention of a Certificate of being free born. and whereas also upon the oath of Joshua Hayes of Caroline County that the said coloured man named James Groce for whom this Certificate is made was free born. I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that he is five feet three inches high or thereabouts, says he was twenty three years of age the Fifth day of December last, was born and raised in Caroline County and of a dark brown complexion has a small scar under the outer corner of his right eye and no other notable mark or scar that I have discovered.

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name & affix the Public seal of my office this 20th day of July Anno Domini 1825

J. Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court

State of Maryland, Caroline County, to wit: Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro woman named Leah Rich 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 their obtention of a certificate of being free born; And whereas also upon the oath of Hugh Taylor of Caroline County, that the said negro woman named Leah Rich for whom this certificate is made was free born, I do therefore grant her said application and hereby certify that she says she is thirty seven years of age or thereabouts, is about four feet eleven and a quarter inches high, of a dark brown complexion, in person fat and thick round, was born and raised in Caroline County, has a large scar on her left cheek and no other notable mark or scar that I have discovered.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this twenty second day of July Anno Domini eighteen hundred and twenty six

J. Richardson Clerk of  
Caroline County Court