

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit. Whereas heretofore to wit on the first day of September Eighteen hundred and twenty ~~two~~ a certain Charles Jones of Caroline County by Deeds of manumission duly Executed acknowledged and recorded among the Land records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro man named Stephen Dixon to be free and at his liberty from and after the first day of January Eighteen hundred and seventeen And the said negro man named Stephen Dixon ~~for whom this~~ 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} Charles Jones of Caroline County that the said negro man named Stephen Dixon 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 he is five feet ^{five} and an half inches high or thereabouts. about thirty two years of age born and raised in Caroline County and of a dark brown complexion has a small scar lengthwise in his left eye brow four small scars on the upper part of his forehead and a scar of a burn on the back part of his left arm below the elbow joint and two scars on the left side of the back part of his head and no other notable mark or scar that I have discovered

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name & affixed the public seal of my office this 12th day of September Anno Domini 1826

Cost 50 cts

J. Richardson Tell of
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit. Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named William Rufsum 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 mulattoes 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 William Williams of Caroline County that the said negro man named William Rufsum, for whom this Certificate is made was free born, I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that he is five feet seven Inches high or thereabouts says he was twenty three years of age the tenth day of May last past was born and raised in Caroline County and of a black complexion has a tolerable large scar of an ulcer on his right breast and a scar of a cut lengthwise on the inside and above the hand joints of his left thumb and no other notable mark or scar that I have discovered