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Maryland Caroline County to wit,

Whereas heretofore to wit on the fifth day of January
Eighteen Hundred and two Charles Marsh and John
Gountain of Caroline County by Deed of manumission
duly executed acknowledged and recorded amongst the
Records of Caroline County, did manumit and set
free a negro man named Sampson to be free at the
expiration of six years from the date of the said
manumission - And whereas the said negro
man named Sampson hath made application to me
for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of
assembly in such case made and provided, and
being satisfied by the oath of Walter L Gountain
of the County aforesaid that the said negro man
named Sampson for whom this certificate is made
is the identical person mentioned in the manumissi-
on aforesaid I do therefore grant his said application
and I hereby certify that he is five feet nine and a
half inches high or thereabout of a dark complexion
rather stout and well made. He is marked in the
face by the small pox, and no other notable marks
that I have discovered.

In Testimony whereof I have here-
to set my hand and affixed the Public Seal
of my office this thirteenth day of January
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and sixteen

Seal

J. Richardson
Caroline County Court