

set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office
this thirty first day of December in the year of our Lord
eighteen hundred and sixteen

John Harjo J. C. C. of
Caroline County Court

Maryland Caroline County to wit

Whereas application

hath been made to me by a negro man named Hawkins
Downs for a certificate agreeably to an Act of the
General Assembly of Maryland passed at November
Session Eighteen hundred and five, 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 evidence of
Amos Barwick Esquire of the County aforesaid that
the said negro man named Hawkins Downs 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 and a half inches high or thereabouts, was raised
in Caroline County, says he is twenty one years of age
the twelfth day of this present month. has a large scar
on the hinder part of his left leg occasioned by the cut of an
axe - is of a black complexion and has no other notable
mark ~~about him~~ that I have discovered.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the public seal of my
office this seventh day of January Anno
Domini eighteen hundred and sixteen

John Harjo J. C. C. of
Caroline County Court