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The State of Maryland Queen Anne's County Court  
Whereas application hath been made to me by a certain  
Negro Man named Ben, or by Benjamin Marick for  
a Certificate of his being free. I do therefore in pursuance  
of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland  
passed at November Session Eighteen hundred and five  
hereby Certify to all persons to whom it doth or may con-  
-cern that by the last Will and Testament of a certain  
William Shackelwale late of Queen Anne's County deceased  
duly Executed on the thirteenth day of November  
Eighteen hundred and seven and proved in my office  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1808, a certain Negro Man  
named Ben, of a dark complexion, about forty years  
of age five feet seven inches and a half high, hath a  
scar on the side of the left hand occasioned by a cut  
and one on the small finger of the same hand, was  
manumitted and set free his freedom to commence on  
the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1811. His person identified  
by the oath of a certain John Shackelwale the  
same mentioned by the Testator in his said Will

In Testimony Whereof I do of  
August 1816

Thos C Earle Reg. J. C.

The State of Maryland Queen Anne's County Court  
Whereas application hath been made to me  
by a certain Negro Woman named Henrietta for a  
Certificate of her being a free Woman

I do therefore in pursuance of an act of the general  
Assembly of this State passed at this, November  
Session Eighteen hundred and five hereby Certify  
to all persons to whom it doth or may concern