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Certify to all persons whom it doth or may concern  
that by the last Will & Testament of a certain Rebecca  
Hammond, duly executed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1808, and proved in my Office on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1812, a certain Negro named Charles, five  
feet, eight and an half inches in height, very dark  
complexion, a scar near the Centre of his forehead,  
also a scar on his breast, another scar on his right  
leg, three or four inches above the ankle joint - has been  
injured in his left hip so as to cause him to limp  
a little - was manumitted and set free by the last  
Will & Testament of the said Rebecca Hammond, his  
freedom to commence at the expiration of five years  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July next after the death of  
the said Rebecca Hammond: His person has been  
identified by a certain W<sup>m</sup> Downing - Given under

my hand & the seal of my  
Office, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May  
Anno Domini 1825

Thos. Charles Bell  
Queen Anns County

State of

Maryland, Queen Anns County, To Wit, Whereas  
a certain Negro Man named Dick Gibbs, has  
made Application to me for a certificate of freedom  
under an act of the General Assembly of Maryland,  
passed at November Session 1805; I do therefore  
Certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that by  
the last Will and Testament of a certain John Bourne  
duly executed on the twelfth day of December Eighteen  
hundred and fifteen, and proved in my Office on  
the twenty third <sup>day of December</sup> in the same year, a certain Negro