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State of Maryland I hereby certify that M<sup>r</sup>. James M.  
Talbot County town<sup>ship</sup> Daniel of the County and State of  
came and proved to my satisfaction that the bearer  
hereof (a Mulatto man who calls himself Joseph Codwell  
who is now about thirty two years of age five feet seven  
and one quarter inches high has one small scar on  
the back of his right hand,) was born free and raised  
in the County of ~~Frederick~~ <sup>Frederick</sup>.

In Testimony whereof I have  
to hereto set my hand and affixed the  
Seal of my office this 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
September anno domini 1812

Governor of  
Talbot County Court

State of Maryland I hereby certify that John  
Talbot County town<sup>ship</sup> Higginz of the County & State  
of <sup>Maryland</sup> came & proved to my  
satisfaction, that the bearer hereof, a black woman  
named Menta, who is now about twenty four  
years of age, five feet, two inches &  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an  
inch high, has one small scar ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> the ~~back~~ <sup>back</sup> on  
her left arm, about ten inch &  $\frac{3}{4}$  about the joint  
of her wrist, also one (larger) scar on the same arm  
about 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches above the former - is the identical  
person ~~whom~~ <sup>named</sup> by him the ~~the~~ said John Higginz  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1802, to be free on the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1814.

In Testimony of this 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1814.  
Governor of