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State of Maryland, Talbot County Court: I hereby certify
that Mr. William S. Bush of the County and State aforesaid
approved to my satisfaction that the bearer hereof a black
man who calls himself Jack Barton, and who is now about
twenty five years of age, five feet seven inches, and a
half high, a very large Scar from above the wrist of his
left hand, to the little finger of the same hand. The said
little finger is very much contracted, and is drawn almost
to the palm of the hand. One long and narrow Scar
on his right hand: this Scar extends from the wrist of
said hand, to the third joint of the forefinger of the same
hand. One other small Scar near the third joint ~~near~~
~~the~~ third joint of the middle finger of his right hand.
One other small Scar between his eye brows, - and of a
dark complexion, is the identical person named
Jack, in a Manuscript made by a certain
Joseph Dandow of the County aforesaid, to be seen
whom he should arrive to the age of twenty five
years (which happened on the twenty second day
of June last) which said man. was duly
executed, acknowledged and recorded, among
the Land Record Books of the County aforesaid, where
the said Jack Barton was raised. In
Testimony &c. this 21st Octo. 1811

State of Maryland, I hereby certify, that Mr. Bush
(Talbot County Court) Sheriff of the County aforesaid
approved to my satisfaction that the bearer hereof
to wit: Jack Baker, John Benson a Black man, about
23 years of age 5 feet 2 1/2 inches high, has on the large Scar on
the top of his forehead, and nearly in the edge of his
hair - has one other Scar about an inch above the 3rd
joint of the thumb on his right hand - was born free
and raised by him, the said Sheriff of the County aforesaid.
In Testimony &c. this 7th Jan^y 1813
J. C. B.