

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit

Whereas on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and one Batchelder Chance of Caroline County aforesaid by deed of manumission duly executed acknowledged and recorded amongst the Records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a negro man named Peter to be free in Eleven years from the date of the said manumission and whereas the said negro man named Peter hath made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made ~~made~~ and proposed and being satisfied by the affirmation of Batchelder Chance of the County aforesaid by whom the said manumission was executed that the said negro man named Peter to whom this certificate is delivered is the identical person manumitted by him in the manumission aforesaid I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that the said negro man named Peter is five feet six and an half inches high of a dark complexion was raised in Caroline County and his age is not expressed in the manumission aforesaid. Had no particular marks worth describing that I have discovered.

Seal

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office this twelfth day of September in the year Eighteen hundred and fifteen

Thos. Richardson Clk.

Caroline County Court

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Whereas application hath been made to me by a molatto woman named Elizabeth Barney for a certificate agreeably to an act of assembly of the said State passed at November Session Eighteen hundred and five by which said act free negroes and molattoes are permitted to travel out of the said State upon their obtaining a certificate of being free born. and whereas also upon the oath of Alice Hancock of the County aforesaid that the said woman named Elizabeth Barney to whom this certificate is delivered was free born I do therefore grant her said application