Maryland Caroline County to wit

Whereas application hath been made to me ~~for a certificate~~ by a negro man named Luke Johnson, who alledges himself to have been free born, for a certificate agreeably to an act of assembly, passed at November Session Eighteen hundred and five by which said act free negroes and mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon their obtaining of a certificate of being free born. And whereas also upon the oath of James Rippin of Caroline County and that the said Luke Johnson for whom this certificate is made is free born I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that he is five feet seven inches and a quarter of an inch high or thereabouts, of a dark complexion, was raised in Caroline County — and says he is about twenty years old, and has no very notable marks that I have discovered

Seal In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Public Seal of my Office this third day of September Eighteen hundred and seventeen

Jo Richardson Clk of Caroline County Court

Maryland Caroline County to wit

Whereas heretofore to wit on the second day of March Eighteen hundred and four Abraham Jump of Caroline County by deed of manumission duly executed acknowledged and recorded among the records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a negro man named Adam to be free from slavery on the first day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixteen — And whereas the said negro man Adam hath made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided — and I being satisfied by the oath of Mr. Abraham Jump of the County aforesaid that the said negro man named Adam for whom this certificate is made is the identical person mentioned in said manumission