Note Joe shewed me a certificate given to Esther — by Doct Nicholson, late Register — dated 26 Oct 1809

James Kelly Certificate

The Register of Wills for Queen Anns County —

Will together with the following description of his persons — negro Bill mentioned in the foregoing Extract was identified by Margaret Baker of Talbot County, he is five feet two & and an half Inches high very black, and two of the Toes on the left foot much shorter than the others, apparently a natural defect. Thos. C. Earle Reg. Wills
Queen Anns County.

State of Maryland, Queen Anns County, To wit

Whereas application has been made to me by a certain Negro Man named Elisha, for a certificate of freedom under an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at Nov Session 1805 — I do therefore Certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that the last Will and Testament of a certain Jacob Barnes proved in my Office on the 10th day of Dec 1799 contains the following clause Viz

"My Will is that my negro Man Cesar and Jacob be free at the expiration of eight years from the 1st day of January next after this Will becomes of force, and that my Negro Woman Fenny be free at the expiration of ten years from the said 1st day of January next after this Will becomes of force, and that my Negro Boy James, son of said Fenny, be free at the expiration of twenty seven years from the 1st day of January as aforesaid, and my Will is that the issue of the said Negro Woman Fenny which may be born during her servitude, and their issue born during their servitude, shall severally serve until they respectively arrive at the age of twenty four"

Negro Man Elisha, above mentioned, is of a dark complexion, five feet 8 3/4 Inches in height, a scar on the cap of each knee, two small scars on his left arm stated to have been occasioned by the bite of a dog, and a good set of teeth, and is identified by the Oath of a certain Isaac Windsitten to be one of the issue of the