Apr. 29, 1811.

City and County of New-York, ss. John Haymer

of the Seventh Ward, of the said city, being duly sworn saith that he has for ~~fifteen~~ two years last past, been well acquainted with Scipio Melden a black man, that the said Scipio resides in the said city, that he is about the age of twenty five years, and was born at West Chester County in State of New York as this deponent is informed and verily believes, that during all the said time whilst this deponent has been acquainted with the said Scipio as aforesaid, the said Scipio hath been reputed and considered to be free, and hath continually acted as a freeman during the said time, and that the said Scipio, became free in or before the year Eighteen hundred & nine as this deponent is also informed and believes. And further this deponent saith not.

SWORN the 29 *day of April*, 1811. *Before me* } his John ✕ Haymer mark

Peter Mesier Alder.

CITY & COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, ss.

I Peter Mesier one of the Aldermen of the City of New-York, and a Judge of the Court of Common pleas, called the Mayor's Court, in and for the said city, **DO CERTIFY**, That on this day

Scipio Melden

residing in the said city a black man exhibited proof before me, reduced to writing, of the freedom of him the said Scipio and being satisfied with such proof, I am of opinion, and do adjudge that the said

Scipio

is free according to the laws of this state, and I DO FURTHER CERTIFY, that the said Scipio is a person about five feet four inches high, has dark eyes, and dark Hair, that he is about the age of twenty five years, that he was born at West Chester County in State of New York and that he became free in or before the year Eighteen hundred & nine as nearly as the same can be ascertained.

GIVEN under my hand, this twenty ninth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven

Peter Mesier

Jervis Dupuy
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April 30. 1811