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## Birch Pass (Transcription)

April 21, 1783

*Passport for Cato Ramsay to emigrate to Nova Scotia, 21 April 1783; NSA, Gideon White fonds, MG 1 vol. 948 no. 196*

New-York, 21st April 1783.

THIS is to certify to whomsoever it may concern, that the Bearer hereof

Cato Rammsay

a Negro, resorted to the British Lines, in consequence of the Proclamations of Sir William Howe, and Sir Henry Clinton, late Commanders in Chief in America; and that the said Negro has hereby his Excellency Sir Guy Carleton's Permission to go to Nova-Scotia, or wherever else he may think proper.

By Order of Brigadier General Birch,

*The bottom of this pass has been cut off. Both spelling and formatting have been corrected in this transcription to make the document easier to read.*