

William Hill
(freemen)

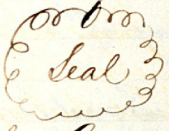
By the State of Maryland

Whereas a certain William Hill (free negro) was convicted on two Indictments in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County at April term 1862, of persuading slaves to run away, and sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary upon said two Convictions until the 14th day of May 1871.

And Whereas the said William Hill has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor by the Judge of the Circuit Court aforesaid and the most of the Jurors by whom said Convict was tried, and also by the States Attorney and the owners of the slaves who were persuaded to run away.

Pardon

Now therefore I Augustus W. Bradford Governor of Maryland have thought proper to pardon the said William Hill, and do hereby direct that he be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offence and grant him pardon therefor.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord 1865.

By the Governor
Wm. P. Heilb
Secy of State

A. W. Bradford

Thos. Skinner
(colored)

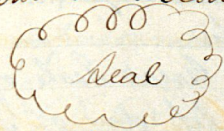
By the State of Maryland

Whereas a certain Thomas Skinner (colored) was convicted on Indictment in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County at March term in the year 1857, of enticing slaves to run away and sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary for the term of ten years and four months.

And Whereas the said Thomas Skinner has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor by his good conduct during the period of his confinement as certified by the Warden, and taking into account the length of imprisonment he has already endured, and the fact that one object of punishment in such cases is, in consequence of the change in the organic law of the State, no longer rendered necessary.

Pardon

Now therefore I Augustus W. Bradford Governor of Maryland, have thought proper to pardon the said Thomas Skinner and do hereby direct that he be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offence and grant him pardon therefor.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State this 15th day of February A. D. 1865

By the Governor
Wm. P. Heilb
Secy of State

A. W. Bradford