

July 31. 1786.

The State of Maryland

M. Smallwood

To all our Bailiffs and good People  
to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

Whereas a Negro Peter the Property of Cyprian Wells of Baltimore County is now confined in the Goal of the said County on a Commitment to appear as an Evidence against a Negro Ben charged with and committed for Felony, and Whereas there are strong Grounds to suspect that the said Peter is an Aider and Abettor of the said Felony, and it has been represented to us that it were more for the good and Safety of the Community that the said Negro Peter be removed from the State and pardoned on that Condition. Know ye therefore that we of our especial Grace have Pardoned and by these Presents do grant unto him the said Peter our firm Peace and will not that he suffer any corporal or other Punishment ~~therefor~~ for any Offence or Offences which he the said Peter may have committed or been in any wise concerned previous to the date of these Presents. Provided that Cyprian Wells the proprietor of the said Peter shall transport or cause to be transported out of this State the said Peter within twenty Days from the date hereof and never to return back into the same.

Given under the Seal of the State of Maryland this thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty six