

July 31 1786

The State of Maryland

To all our Bailiffs and good People

W. Smallwood

to whom these Presents shall come greeting

Whereas a Negro Ben the property

of Martin Eckelberger of Baltimore County is now confined

in the Goal of the said County, charged with and committed for

Felony, and it is represented to us that it were more for the good

and safety of the Community that the said Negro Ben be removed

out of 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 Ben our full

Peace and Will not that he suffer any Corporal or other Punish-

ment for any Offence or Offences which he the said Ben

may have committed or been in anywise concerned previous

to the date of these Presents, Provided that Martin Eckel-

berger the Proprietor of the said Ben shall transport or

cause to be transported out of this State the said Ben

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

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