

August 30th 1786

The State of Maryland

M. Smallwood

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

Whereas it appears by
a Transcript of the Proceedings of Frederick County Court hold in
Frederick Town on the third Tuesday and fifteenth Day of August
One thousand seven hundred and eighty six that Abraham
Toms late of Frederick County was indicted, Tried and found
guilty of feloniously stealing, taking and carrying away One
pound of Lead of the value of four pounds of Tobacco of
the goods and chattels of a certain Valentine Summers
that Judgment is rendered against the said Abraham Toms
to receive corporal Punishment (to wit) five stripes on the
bare back at the public Whipping Post: And Whereas
the Justices of the said Court have by their representation
recommended the said Abraham Toms as an Object worthy
the Clemency of Government I have thought proper to
Pardon the said Abraham Toms for the offence aforesaid
not that he suffer any corporal - - - Punishment there
for but that he shall stand and be in the same
plight and condition to all Intents and Purposes as
before the commission of the said offence

Given under the Seal of the
State of Maryland this thirtieth Day of August in
the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred
and eighty six