

May 2. 1787

The State of Maryland

H. Smattwood

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

Know Ye that of our especial
Grace we have pardoned unto John Manning late of Dorchester
County Planter as an Object of our Mercy the Suit of our
Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto us for that he
not having the fear of God before his Eyes, but being moved
and seduced by the instigation of the Devil on the eighteenth
Day of October in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred
and eighty six with force and arms at the County aforesaid
in and upon one Roger Murray in the Peace of God
and the said State of Maryland then and there being
feloniously and in the fury of his mind did make an
assault and that the said John Manning with both
his Hands and feet the said Roger Murray to and against
the Ground then and there feloniously and in the fury of
his mind did cast and throw and the said Roger Murray
so upon the Ground lying, he the said John Manning with
both the hands and feet aforesaid of him the said John
Manning the said Roger Murray in and upon the
head, stomach, back and sides of him the said Roger
Murray then and there feloniously, and in the fury of his
mind, did strike, beat and kick giving to the said Roger
Murray as well by casting and throwing of him the
said Roger Murray to the Ground aforesaid as also by
striking, beating and kicking the said Roger Murray