

December 21<sup>th</sup> 1787 -

The State of Maryland

W. Smallwood

To all our Bariffs and good people to whom these presents shall come Greeting

Know ye that of our especial Grace

we have pardoned unto Negro Jack late of Ann Arundel County Slave of Charles Carroll Esq. as a proper 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 seventh Day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven with force and arm at the County of Ann Arundel in and upon a Negro man slave named Elie in the grace of God and of the said State then and there being feloniously, wilfully and of his Malice aforethought did make an assault and that the said Jack a certain Gun of the value of five shillings then and there charged with Gun powder and twenty leaden shott which Gun he the said Jack in both the hands of him the said Jack then and there had and held to against and upon the said Elie then and there feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforethought did shoot and discharge and that the said Jack with the leaden shott aforesaid out of the Gun aforesaid then and there by force of the Gun powder aforesaid shot and sent forth as aforesaid the aforesaid Elie in and upon the lower part of the belly of the said Elie on the left side of the belly of the said Elie then and there with the leaden shott aforesaid by the said Jack so as aforesaid shott discharged and sent forth feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforethought did strike penetrate