

Annapolis February 25<sup>th</sup> 1788

Whereas Negro Roger a young Man Slave belonging to Gerard B. Causein of Charles County was committed to, and is now confined in the Goal of the said County for beating and threatening the life of a certain James Chatham who was put as an overseer over the said Roger And whereas the said James Chatham by his Petition earnestly Solicits a Pardon for the said Roger upon it as his first offence and that he hath made such humble concessions and appears so sorrowful for the same that he is induced to believe no malice remains in the heart of the said Roger and several respectable Gentlemen of the said County well acquainted with the Circumstances of the case and the Character of <sup>The said Roger</sup> recommending him ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> the Clemency of Government I have thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at Law for the said offence do cease and determine and that no further Prosecution be had or carried on against the said Roger for or concerning the same

To Luther Martin Esq: Attorney General  
or the Prosecutor of the Criminal Pleas  
in Charles County Court

W. Smallwood

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The State of Maryland

To all our Bailiffs and good  
shall

W. Smallwood people to whom these presents, come Greeting  
Know ye that whereas of our especial Grace we did on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of December seventeen hundred and eighty seven Pardon Negro Jack late of Ann Arundel County Slave of Charles Carroll Esq: who had been indicted tryed and found guilty of the Murder of Negro Eli Slave of the said Charles Carroll,