

Whereas William Johnson and William Hodges of Baltimore County Yeomen were at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Goal delivery for the said County, on the sixteenth day of July seventeen hundred and eighty eight, tried and found guilty of having on the sixteenth day of April preceding, broke and entered the out house of a certain Charles Ridgely with an intent and design feloniously to steal, and carry away the Goods and Chattels of the said Charles Ridgely - and thereupon sentenced by the said Court as follows - William Johnson to work and labour for three years from the said sixteenth day of July seventeen hundred and eighty eight, on the public roads in Baltimore County, or in making, repairing and cleaning the Streets or Bason of Baltimore town - and William Hodges to work and labour as aforesaid two years from the said sixteenth day of July and year after.

And whereas representations have been made in their favor and recommended as objects of mercy I have thought proper to pardon the said William Johnson and William Hodges for the Offense aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that they be forthwith discharged from the Service to which they have been respectively sentenced -

Given under the Seal of the State of Maryland this third Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty nine -