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February 19th 1790

The State of Maryland

To all our Bailiffs

E. Howard.

and good people to whom these presents shall come

Greeting

Whereas on the twenty second day of November last a presentment found against Benj Tucker & thus therein mentioned was tried in the Court of Oyer & Terminer and goal delivery for Baltimore County for receiving of Negroes, Adam and Will late of the said County Slaves of John Meale Esquire twelve Bacon Hams, of the value of twenty pounds of Tobacco each, the property of Richard Tinson, knowing the same to be stolen and thereupon the said Benj Tucker was found guilty and sentenced by the said Court to work and labour on the public Roads of Baltimore County for one year or in Making repairing or cleaning the Streets or Basins of Baltimore town And the said Benj Tucker having been recommended by two of the Justices of the said Court and several Inhabitants of Baltimore County to the Clemency of Government I have thought it proper to pardon the said Benj Tucker for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that he be forthwith discharged from the service to which he hath been adjudged Given under the Seal of the State of Maryland this Nineteenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety —