

October <sup>156</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1790

The State of Maryland

To all our Bailiffs  
and good People to whom these presents  
E. Howard shall come greeting

Whereas Negro Ben late of Baltimore

County the Slave of John Wilmot was presented by the  
Jurors for the Body of Baltimore County aforesaid for stealing  
and carrying away on the fourth Day of August last  
one Gelding of the Value of fifteen Pounds Current  
Money of Maryland of the goods and Chattles of John  
Smith. And on the twentieth day of the same Month

the said Negro Ben appeared before the Justices of Bal-  
timore County Court of Oyer and Terminer and Goal  
delivery and Confessed the facts contained in the Indictment  
to be true whereupon he was adjudged by the Justices  
aforesaid to work and labour on the Public Roads of Baltimore  
County or in Making repairing and Cleaning the Streets or  
Basin of Baltimore town for the Space of five Years.

And whereas the said John Wilmot hath by his Petition  
Solicited a Pardon for the said Negro Ben and Appearing by  
a Certificate from several Respectable Inhabitants of the said  
County that the Petitioner would be materially injured  
by carrying the Sentence of the Court into Execution

I have thought it proper to Pardon the said Negro Ben  
for the Offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that