

he be forthwith discharged from the Service to which he hath  
been adjudged Provided his Master indemnifies the County of  
Baltimore for all Expenses incurred in the Prosecution of the  
said Negro Ben Given under the Seal of the State  
of Maryland this seventh day of October in the Year  
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety -

October 8<sup>th</sup> 1790

The State of Maryland

To all our Bailiffs

and good People to whom these Presents

shall come Greeting

J. Howard

Whereas on the twenty fourth Day  
of September last our Warrant did issue for the Execution of  
Francis Hughes late of Baltimore County Yeoman who had  
been convicted in the Court of Oyer and Terminer in said  
County of breaking the Storehouse of a certain Jonathan Sillman  
and Stealing thereout and Carrying away Sundry Articles of  
Merchandise of the goods and Chattels of the said Jonathan  
Sillman which said Execution was to have been had on Friday  
the first of this instant And whereas the said Execution  
hath been respited to the thirtieth of this instant October

I know ye therefore that of our special Grace we have  
pardoned the said Francis Hughes and do hereby order and  
direct that he shall not suffer any Corporal or other punishment  
for the Offence aforesaid but that he shall stand and be in the  
same plight and Condition to all intents and purposes as if the  
same had never been committed Provided the said Francis