

January 22. 1793

The State of Maryland

Tho: S. Lee

To all our Bailiffs and
good people to whom these presents
shall come Greeting.

Know Ye that of our especial Grace
we have pardoned unto Negro Abraham late of Queen
Anns County the Slave of a certain Richard Taylor of
the County aforesaid as a proper object of our Mercy
the suit of our Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto
us for that he not having the fear of God before his Eyes
but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the
Devil on the seventh day of November in the Year of
our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety two
with force and Arms and so forth at the County aforesaid
in and upon a certain John Nute the Peace of God and
the said State then and there being feloniously wilfully
and of his Malice aforethought did make an Assault and
be the said Negro Abraham with a certain large wooden
Stake of no value which he the said Negro Abraham in
his right Hand then and there held the said John Nute
in and upon the back part of the Head of him the said
John Nute then and there feloniously wilfully and of
his Malice aforethought did strike giving to him the
said John Nute then and there with the Stake
aforesaid in and upon the above said back part of the
Head of him the said John Nute one Mortal wound
of the breadth of one inch and of the depth of three quarters
of an inch and of the length of one inch and half of an inch
by which said Stroke the Skull of him the said John Nute
was fractured of which said Mortal wound the said John
Nute from the seventh day of November aforesaid in the
Year aforesaid until the seventeenth day of the same Month