

January 19th 1795

The State of Maryland To all our Bailiffs
J. H. Stone and good people to whom these
presents shall come Greeting.
Know ye that of our special Grace we have
pardoned unto Negro Leah the property of
William Maynardier of Talbot County, as a
proper object of our Mercy the suit of our
Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto
us for that she not having the fear of God
before her eyes but being moved and
seduced by the instigation of the Devil,
on the thirty first day of July in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and Ninety four with force and Arms
at the County of Talbot aforesaid in and
upon Elizabeth Higgins an infant Child
of the age of six Months then and there in
the Peace of God and of the State being,
feloniously, wilfully, and of her Malice
aforethought did make an assault and
that she the said Leah then and there
feloniously wilfully and of her Malice
aforethought did place a quilt of the