

under my hand and the seal of the State of  
Maryland this fifth day of January seventeen  
hundred and Ninety seven.

J. H. Stone

January 10. 1797

The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of  
Baltimore County greeting

J. H. Stone

Whereas Mulatta Joshua

late the Slave of Proebush Lynch, hath been

indicted arraigned and found guilty of

Murder, and by the Justices of Baltimore

County judicially sitting at the Town of Bal-

timore in and for the said County, the third

Tuesday in November in the Year of our

Lord one thousand seven hundred and

Ninety six was sentenced to be hanged by

the Neck until he be dead. Now know ye

that I have thought proper by and in pur-

suance of the powers vested in me by Law to

commute and change the said sentence of

death against the said Mulatta Joshua into

labour on the public Roads of Baltimore

County or in making repairing and cleaning