

The State of Maryland this Twelfth day of May, in
the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven.
By the Governor
Benian Pinkney Ck

J. H. Stone

City of Annapolis May 22^o 1797

The State of Maryland, to all our
Bailiffs and good people to whom these presents shall
come greeting. — Whereas Negro Lawrence slave
of James Sterling has been arraigned and found
guilty of having committed an assault upon John
Sinnas with an intent to kill and murder, and by
the Justices of Baltimore County Criminal Court
judicially sitting at the Town of Baltimore in and for
the said County the Second Tuesday in March in the
year Seventeen hundred and ninety seven, was
sentenced to serve and labour on the Public Roads
of Baltimore County or in making repairing and
cleaning the streets or bason of Baltimore Town, for the
seven years; and whereas the said Negro Lawrence
has been recommended to me by his master as an object
worthy the interposition of government; I have
thought proper to pardon the said Negro Lawrence
for the offence aforesaid; and do hereby order and
direct that he be forthwith discharged from the
service to which he hath been adjudged;

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State
of Maryland, this Twenty second day of May, in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
ninety seven.

J. H. Stone

By the Governor
Benian Pinkney Ck

City of Annapolis May 24th 1797

The State of Maryland: to all our Bailiffs and
good people to whom these presents shall come