

labour on the public roads of Baltimore County or in  
making repairing and cleaning the streets or Basin of  
Baltimore Town and do hereby order and Direct that  
instead of the said Negro Michael suffering Death as a  
misaid that he shall labour on the Public roads of  
Baltimore County or in making repairing and cleaning  
the streets or Basin of Baltimore Town for and during  
the Term of Fifty years to be computed from the date  
of these presents and you are hereby commanded to  
deliver the said Negro Michael to the Sheriff of  
Baltimore County; - Given under my hand and the  
seal of the State of Maryland this Eleventh day of  
July Seventeen hundred and Ninety seven  
By the Governor  
Ninian Pinkney Clk

J. H. Stone

City of Annapolis July 12th 1797

A Commutation similar to the above in all respects issued  
for Negro Fortune Slave of John Puzey for the Murder of  
Joshua Knight of Somerset County  
Test Ninian Pinkney Clk

City of Annapolis July 11th 1797

The State of Maryland To all our Bailiffs and good  
people to whom these presents shall come greeting.  
Whereas at a special Court of Oyer and Terminer and  
general Goal Delivery held for Somerset County on the  
first Monday in July Seventeen hundred and ninety seven  
Negro Glasgow Slave of James Adams was indicted,  
arraigned and found guilty of the Murder of a certain Joshua  
Knight and sentenced by the said Court to be hanged by  
the Neck untill he be Dead. Nevertheless we grant unto  
him the said Negro Glasgow our firm peace, and will not  
that he suffer any Corporal or other punishment therefor,  
but that he shall stand and be in the same plight and  
condition to all intents and purposes whatsoever as if  
the Crime wherof he the said Negro Glasgow hath been  
convict had never been done or committed. Given under  
my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this  
Eleventh day of July in the year Seventeen hundred