

and Ninety seven
By the Governor J. H. Stone
Ninian Pinkney Clk

City of Annapolis July 12th 1797

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Somerset County
J. H. Stone Greeting, Whereas at a Special Court of Oyer
and Terminer and General Goal Delivery held
for Somerset County at Princess Anne Town in and for the said
County, on the first Monday in July Seventeen hundred and
Ninety seven Negro Draper the Slave of Ballard Reid, was
indicted arraigned and found guilty of the Murder of a certain
Joshua Knight and sentenced by the said Court to be carried
to the Goal of the said County and from thence to be Drawn to
the Gallows at the usual place of Execution and there to have
his right hand cut off, to be hanged by the neck until he be
dead, his head to be severed from his body, his body divided
into four Quarters and set up in the most public places of
the County; Know ye that I have thought proper to pardon
and remit unto him the said Negro Draper every part
of the said Sentence except hanging only; These are there-
fore to will and require as also to Charge and Command
you, that on or before twelve of the Clock on Friday the
28th day of this present month of July; you take the said
Negro Draper from your prison and him safely convey to
the Gallows in the County aforesaid the Common place of
Execution of Malefactors; and there the said Negro Draper
hang by the neck on the said Gallows until he be
Dead and I remit unto the said Negro Draper all parts
of the said Sentence except hanging, for all which this
shall be your sufficient power and authority. Given
under my hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland
this Twelfth day of July Seventeen hundred and
Ninety seven
attest Ninian Pinkney Clerk