

Streets or Bason of Baltimore Town for and during
the Term of six years to be computed from the date of
these presents, upon Condition however that the said
Benjamin Gibbs do faithfully Labour and serve as aforesaid
without escaping or otherwise defeating this
Commutation of the aforesaid Sentence of death, and
you are hereby Commanded to deliver the said
Benjamin Gibbs to the Sheriff of Baltimore County
Given under my hand and the seal of the State
of Maryland this tenth day of March seventeen
hundred and ninety Eight
attest Ninian Pinkney Clk

City of Annapolis March 10th 1798

State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting
In Henry Whereas Negro Lydia was, at the general
Court for the Eastern shore of the State of
Maryland held at the Town of Easton in
Talbot County on the second Tuesday in April in the year
of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety seven tried and
convicted of Murder and was sentenced to suffer death for
the said offence; Now know ye that I have thought proper
by and in pursuance of the powers vested in me by Law
to commute and change the said sentence of Death against
the said Negro Lydia into banishment out of the United
States and sale as a slave for life, and I do order and
direct that the Sheriff of Kent County shall within sixty
days after the date hereof, cause the said Negro Lydia
to be transported ^{out} of the United States and sold as a slave
for the benefit of the State of Maryland, the said Sheriff to
take sufficient Bond and security from the person to
whom the said Negro Lydia shall be delivered to comply
fully with the aforesaid conditions; Given under my hand
and the seal of the State of Maryland this tenth day
of March seventeen hundred and ninety Eight
attest Ninian Pinkney Clk