

City of Annapolis March 19th 1798

The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Baltimore
County greeting; Whereas Mulatto Joshua late the Slave
of Robert Lynch, was indicted arraigned and
found guilty of Murder and by the Justices
of Baltimore County Court judicially sitting
at the Town of Baltimore in and the said County the third
Tuesday in November seventeen hundred and ninety six
and was sentenced to be hanged by the neck until he be
dead which said sentence of death was commuted and
changed by the late Governor on the tenth day of January
seventeen hundred and ninety seven into labour on
the public Roads of Baltimore County or in making
repairing and cleaning the streets or lason of Baltimore
Town for the Term of Forty years to be computed from the
said tenth day of January. Now know ye that Whereas
Depositions proving the innocence of the said Mulatto
Joshua have been laid before me; I have thought proper by
and in pursuance of the powers vested in me by Law to
pardon the said Negro Joshua for the offence aforesaid and
do hereby order and Direct, that the said Negro Joshua be
discharged from the aforesaid service of Forty years.
Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Mary-
land this seventeenth day of March seventeen hundred
and ninety eight
attest Ninian Pinkney Clk.

City of Annapolis March 24th 1798

The State of Maryland To all our Bailiffs and good people
to whom these presents shall come greeting
Whereas Mary Close late of Baltimore County
Spinster was at a Court of ay and Terminus
and Gail Delivery for the City of Baltimore and its precincts
at this March Term presented and found guilty of stealing one
gawn of the value of fifteen shillings current money of the goods
and Chattels of Miles Ray and was by the said Court adjudged
to serve and work at the common work houses of Baltimore
County for the Term of Twelve months; and Whereas the
two associate Justices of the said Court together with a
number of respectable persons inhabitants of the said
Town