

Annapolis, November 7th 1805

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff, of Baltimore County
Whereas John W. Thompson alias Jno. King, late of Baltimore County
Yoman, hath been arraigned and found guilty of feloniously
stealing a Bay Horse and Saddle, the property of Samuel
R. Smith, and by the justices of the Court of Oyer and Terminer
and Goal delivery judicially sitting, at the City of Balti-
more in and for the said County, the second Monday in
July last was sentenced to be hanged by the Neck, until
he was dead. And whereas the said Jno. W. Thompson, was
to be executed on the eight Instant by virtue of my Warrant
dated the twenty sixth day of October last. And whereas
several of the Petit Jury who tried said Thompson together
with a number of respectable Persons of the City of
Baltimore have prayed a commutation of the said
Sentence to labour on the Public Roads of Baltimore
County; Now Know ye that I have thought proper by
and in pursuance of the powers invested in me by Law
to commute and change the said Sentence of Death,
against the said Jno. W. Thompson, otherwise called Jno.
King into labour on the Public Roads of Baltimore
County, or cleaning making and repairing the Streets,
of Baltimore Town, or Basin of said Town, and do hereby
order and direct that instead of the said Jno. W. Thompson
alias Jno. King suffering Death as aforesaid, that he shall
labour on the Public Roads of Baltimore County or clean
and repairing the Streets of Basin of Baltimore Town
for and during the Term of fifteen years, to be computed
from the date hereof. and I do hereby by these Presents
revoke and annul my said Warrant of Execution of the
twenty sixth day of October last. Given under my
Hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this seventh
Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and five -

By the Governor
Anian P. M. M. M.
Clerk of the Council

Robt. Bowie -