

The State of Maryland to all our Bailiffs and Good People
whom these Presents shall come greeting. Whereas Negro Hercu-
les late of Montgomery County the slave and Property of Thomas
West was at a Court of the said County at March term Eight
Hundred and seven indicted tried and found guilty of unlawfully
breaking and entering on the fourth of December last the
Gider House of a certain Edward Willett Senior and through
adjudged to serve and labour on the Public Roads of Baltimore
County &c. for the term of Eighteen Months - and whereas it has
been stated to me that the said Negro Hercules is young and
was seduced to commit the said offence by another Person - I
have therefore thought Proper as well for that reason as on
account of the advice of said Court to commute the said
sentence to Banishment out of the State of Maryland on
condition that Thomas West the proprietor of said Negro
shall release the said slave from the valuation of said negro
and pay all legal costs of his conviction and shall give
security to some one of the Judges of said Court in the sum
of six Hundred Dollars that said negro Hercules shall
be transported out of the state of Maryland and shall
never return to said state. Given under my hand and
the seal of the State of Maryland this sixteenth day
of March eighteen Hundred and seven

By the Governor
Thimian Pinkey
Clerk of the Council

Robert Wright
