

The State of Maryland to all our Bailiffs and Good People to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas a certain Merryman Stevenson was at February Term last at Frederick County Court convicted of Forgery, and sentenced to serve on the Public Roads of Baltimore County and so forth for a Term of years and whereas it has been represented to me that the said Stevenson had till said offence supported an unblemished character which together with the circumstances in the case has induced many good men to doubt his guilt - and it being represented to me that he has an amiable wife and a number of small Children whose poignant grief and his services on the road has induced a most numerous application of respectable citizens to petition for his pardon, whose conduct since his conviction has been most submissive to his keepers - I have therefore thought fit to pardon the said Merryman Stevenson for the offences aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that he be released from the residue of the service to which he hath been adjudged - Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this seventh day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Eight

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Waight

Whereas William Shaw has been indicted at the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for Baltimore County for the Murder of a Negro named Ben and whereas it appears that the said Negro Ben was at the time running away from his said Master and