

Maryland writ

Frederick, the Duke of the Province of Maryland and Walter Lord Baron of Baltimore shall our
 Justices and good People to whom these presents shall come greet you. Whose
 John Ireland of Ann Arundel County Gentleman stands charged for a Felony and
 Homicide committed on the Body of one Negro Slave called Frank the Property of
 James Carroll Esq. Know ye that We of our especial Grace certain Knowledge
 and mere Motion and at the humble Petition of the said John Ireland have Par-
 doned Released, and Discharged and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and
 Successors do Pardon, release and Discharge to the said John Ireland of Ann
 Arundel County Gentleman or by any other Name or Addition, Title, Mystery or
 Place, the said John Ireland was lately or is now known, distinguished and
 called the Melnyan Homicide of the said Negro Frank and every the Treason
 and other misdeeds in any manner touching or concerning the Death of the
 said Negro Frank and all and every kind of Suit Complaint Action impeach-
 ment and Demand whatsoever which he against the said John Ireland
 by Reason or Occasion of the Premises now or may hereafter have and Pro-
 secution of the Peace which he against the said John Ireland belongs or hereaf-
 ter may belong and therefore We give and Grant unto the said John Ireland Our full
 Power that We will stay, surcease and forbear any Proceedings at Law upon
 the Felony and Homicide aforesaid by these Presents so that he may stand firm
 in all Courts if any one against him shall object the Premises or any of them
 Witness Our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor and
 Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of Maryland this 7. day of
 August in the Fifteenth year of our said Majesty Anno Domini 1765.

Upholded by the King

The following Letter and Depositions relative to the Shooting of Negro Frank
for which the above Pardon was granted.

Wm. Judge Landin 26th Aug. 1765

In obedience to your Excellency's commands I do myself the Honour
 to inclose you Adam Smith's Deposition relative to the Circumstances attending
 M. Ireland's Shooting, M. Carrolles, Negro Frank, and Henry Howard's ac-
 knowledging of the Gun, happened to have an extraordinary Proof of the truth
 of the Deposition, for while I was reading the Deposition even to him, a

Wm. Judge