

Maryland &c.

May 7/67

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of  
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore. To all our Bailiffs and good  
People to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas John Wilson Slave of Ann  
Arundel County Labourer is detained in our Goal of said County under Sentence of  
Death for a certain Felony by him committed <sup>at our County of Anne Arundel</sup> whereof he was convicted on Monday  
the thirteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred  
and Sixty seven before our Trusty and well beloved John Hepburn and John Bea  
Bordley Esq<sup>r</sup> Justices of our Western Circuit. And Whereas for diverse Causes and  
Considerations us hereunto Moving We have thought fit to supersede the Execution  
of the said Sentence We therefore Command you that from the Execution of that  
Sentence or any other Sentence of Death pronounced against the said John Wilf  
you altogether surcease and forbear until our further pleasure shall be known  
therein. Provided that the said John Wilson continue not within the City of  
Annapolis the Space of Six Hours from the time of his Delivery from our said  
Goal, and Provided also that the said John Wilson Transport himself or Cause  
himself to be transported out of this our Province within four Days from the  
date hereof otherwise this our Reprieve shall be and is hereby declared Void and  
of no Effect anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Witness  
our Trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of our said Province  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May in the seventeenth Year of our Dominion Anno Domini 1767.  
Upton Scott Esq<sup>r</sup> Secy