

24<sup>th</sup> September 1771.

Maryland. Frederick's Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and  
Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To all our Bailiffs and Good People to whom these presents  
shall come greeting. Know ye that of our Especial Grace We have Pardoned unto Negro Paul  
late of Frederick County Labourer (the Slave of a certain Jacob Young) as a proper Object of our  
Mercy the Suit of our Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto us for that he the said Negro  
Paul on the Ninth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and  
Seventy One with Force and Arms and so forth at Frederick County aforesaid between the  
Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Night of the same Day the Dwelling House of a certain  
Valentine Adams there Situate Feloniously and burglariously did Break and Enter and  
one Yard of Gallico of the value of Six Shillings Sterling one other Yard of Gallico of the value  
of three Shillings Sterling three Lawn Handkerchiefs of the value of Two Shillings Ster-  
ling each fifteen Yards of Irish Linnen of the value of Two Shillings Sterling each Yard  
Two Pair of Cotton Stockings of the value of four Shillings Sterling each Pair Two Pair of  
Worsted Stockings of the value of Two Shillings Sterling each Pair three hanks of Spun Cotton  
of the value of Sixpence Sterling each hank seven Yards of Ribband of the value of Sixpence Ster-  
ling each Yard Two Pieces of White Tapes of the value of Sixpence Sterling each Piece four Yards  
of Thread of the value of one penny Sterling each one Yard of Gallico of the value of Two Shilling  
Sterling one Yard of Striped Linnen of the value of One Shilling Sterling one Yard of Irish  
Linnen of the value of four Shillings and one Cotton Handkerchief of the value of one Shilling  
Sterling of the goods and Chattels of the said Valentine Adams in the said Dwelling House  
and there being then and there feloniously and burglariously did Steal take and carry away  
against our Peace good Rule and Government whereof he was convicted before the Worshipful  
Thomas Prather Esq. and others Justices of Frederick County Court on the Twenty first day of  
August in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy One Nevertheless  
We grant unto him our firm Peace and will not that he suffer any Corporal Punishment  
therefor but that he shall stand and be in the same plight and condition to all intents  
and Purposes whatsoever as if the said Felony whereof he the said Negro Paul hath been  
convicted had never been done or committed. Witness our Trusty and well beloved Bro-  
ther Robert Eden Esq. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over our said Pro-  
vince this Twenty fourth Day of September in the Twenty first Year of our Dominion  
Anno Domini 1771

Sign'd by Order of Scott's Seal