

reputed and esteemed as one of the faithful People of us our Heirs and Successors born within
this our Province of Maryland and likewise any Lands Tenements Revenues Services
and other Hereditaments whatsoever within our said Province of Maryland may Inherit
or otherwise purchase receive take have hold buy or possess and then may occupy and enjoy
give sell alien and bequeath as likewise all Liberties and Franchises of this our Province
of Maryland freely quietly and peaceably have and possess occupy and enjoy as any of our
faithful People born or to be born within our said Province of Maryland without
the Lett Molestation Excitation Trouble or Grievance of us our Heirs or Successors any
Customs to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding - Given at Annapolis
under the Great Seal of our said Province of Maryland this Twelfth day of February
in the Twenty second Year of our Dominion Anno Domini One Thousand seven
hundred and Seventy three Witness Our Trusty and well beloved Brother Robert
Eden Esq. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over our said Province of
Maryland.

Signed by Order
W. Scott Esq. Secy

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Maryland 20th of April 1773.

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province
of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth.

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 Ned
lots of Prince Georges County labourer the Slave of a certain David Doff as a proper Object
of our Mercy the Suit of Our peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto us for that he the
said Negro Ned on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand
seven Hundred and Seventy three Between the hours of Ten and Twelve in the night of
the same day with Force and Arms at the County aforesaid the dwelling House of a
certain Peter Earns then and there situate feloniously and Burglariously did break and
enter and three hundred and ninety four pieces of Copper called English half pence of
the value of Eighteen Shillings and six pence Sterling of the Goods and Chattels of
the said Peter Earns in the same dwelling House then and there being then and there
being then and there feloniously and Burglariously did steal take and carry away
against Our peace good rule and Government whereof he the said Negro Ned was convicted
before the worshipful John Cooke Esq. and others Justices of Prince Georges County
Court aforesaid on the Twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord seven
hundred and seventy three 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 Ned hath been convicted had never been done or committed

Witness Our Trusty and well beloved Brother Robert Eden Esq. Lieutenant General
and Chief Governor in and over our said Province this 20th day of April in the 22nd
Year of our Dominion Anno Domini 1773.

Signed by Order

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