

October 29th 1773.

Maryland &c. The Right Honourable Henry Harford Esq^r
 Robt Eden. Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland
 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 a Negro Hercules late of Baltimore County Labourer the
 Slave of James Russell and Company as a proper object of our
 Mercy the Suit of our Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto
 us for that he the said Negro Hercules on the eighth Day of
 May in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy
 three at Baltimore County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction
 of the same Court with force and Arms and with one Brown
 Ware of the price of Five Pounds Current Money the Goods
 and Chattels of a certain Corbin. See then and there being found
 then and there feloniously stole took and carried away against
 our Peace Good Rule and Government and contrary to the form
 of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided whereof
 he was convicted before the Worshipful Benjamin Rogow Gentleman
 and others Justices of Baltimore County Court aforesaid on the
 Monday before the first Tuesday in August in the year of our
 Lord seventeen hundred and seventy three. Nevertheless We
 Grant unto him the said Negro Hercules 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 Colony whereof
 he the said Negro Hercules hath been convicted had never
 been done or Committed. Witness Our Trusty and well beloved
 Robert Eden Esq^r Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and
 over our said Province this 29th day of October in the Third year of our
 Dominion Anno Domini 1773. Signed by Order
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