

Maryland^{s.}

22 April 1774.

Rob^t Eden.

The Right Honourable Henry Stanford Esq.
absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland.

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 Judith late of Talbot County Spinster (the Slave of a certain John Shannahane) as a proper Object of our Mercy the Suit of our Peace and what power appertaineth unto us for that she the said Negro Judith not having the fear of God before her eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil on the nineteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy four with Force and Arms at Talbot County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of the same Court the Dwelling House of the said John Shannahane her said Master then situate and being feloniously wilfully and maliciously did set fire to and the same Dwelling House then and thereby such firing as aforesaid feloniously wilfully and maliciously did burn consume and destroy against our Peace good Rule and Government and contrary to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided, whereof she the said Negro Judith was convicted before the Worshipful James Dickinson Esq. and others Justices of Talbot County Court on the first Tuesday in March in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy four; Nevertheless We grant unto her our firm Peace and will not that she suffer any Corporal Punishment therefor but that she shall stand and be in the same plight and Condition to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if the said Felony whereof she the said Negro Judith hath been convicted had never been done or committed. — Witness Our Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden Esq. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over our said Province this 22 day of April in the Third Year of our Dominion Anno Domini 1774.

Signed by Order

James Brooks Esq. Com.