

23 of June 1774.

Maryland's.

Rich. Lee.

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

To.
The Reverend M. Joseph Messinger sendeth Greeting.

We do hereby constitute and appoint you the said Joseph Messinger to be Rector of the Church of Saint Margarets Westminster in Ann Arundels County To have hold and enjoy the said Church together with the Rights profits and Advantages whatsoever appertaining to a Minister of the said Parish And We do hereby require the Church Wardens Vestrymen and all others the Parishioners of the said Parish to receive acknowledge and assist you the said Joseph Messinger in all Matters relating to the discharge of your Function. ~

Witness our Trusty and well beloved Richard Lee Esq.
President and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province this 23.
day of June in the Third Year of our Dominion Anno Domini 1774.

Signed by Order.

James Brooks Esq. Secy.

16th of August 1774.

Maryland's.

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The Right Honourable Henry Harford Esq.
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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 Sampson late of Baltimore County Labourer the Slave of a certain John Barton as a proper Object of our Mercy the Suit of our Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto us for that he the said Negro Sampson on the Twentyeighth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and seventy three with force and Arms and so forth at Baltimore County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of the same Court One Gelding of a dark Bay Colour of the Price of Twelve Pounds current Money the proper Gelding of a certain George Cooper then and there being found there and there feloniously stole took and led away against our Peace good Rules and Government and contrary to the Act of Assembly in such Manner

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