

Subscribed the Abjuration and Test, and also took the usual Oath of Office as Landwaiter &c. abovementioned

Given under my Hand and Seal at the City of Annapolis this day and Year abovementioned in the Tenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

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OF THE STATE OF
MARYLAND.

Robt Eden *(Seal)*

30th March 1776

Maryland &c. The Right Honourable Henry Fairfax Esq.
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 John West Yeoman late of Frederick County as a proper object of our Mercy the Suit of our Peace and whatsoever appertaineth unto us for that he the said John West not having the Fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and seduced by the Instigation of the Devil on the Twenty ninth day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four with Force and Arms at Frederick County aforesaid in and upon one Thomas Richardson in the peace of God and of us then and there being feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforethought did make an Assault and that the said John West with a certain Club of the Value of one Penny which he the said John West in his Right hand then and there had and held the said Thomas Richardson in and upon the Head, Belly, Stomach, Back and Sides of him the said Thomas Richardson then and there feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforethought did strike beat and Bruise giving to the said Thomas Richardson then and thereby striking beating and Bruising the said Thomas Richardson in and upon the Head, Belly, Stomach, Back, and Sides of him the said Thomas Richardson with the Club aforesaid in Manner aforesaid several Mortal Bruises of which said several Mortal Bruises the said Thomas Richardson then and there instantly died and that the said John West the said Thomas Richardson in Manner and Form aforesaid, feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforethought, did kill and Murder against our Peace good Rule and Government, whereof he the said John West hath been Convict before the Worshipful Thomas Cresap Esq. and others Justices of Frederick County aforesaid on the Third Tuesday of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and

(Seventy)