

The State of Maryland To all our Bailiffs and
good people to whom these presents shall come. Greeting.
Whereas negro Sam commonly called Sam Greenwell
the property of William Wallace of Charles County hath
been indicted arraigned and found guilty of Murder
and by the Justice of the County Court judicially
sitting at Charles Town in and for the said County
the nineteenth day of March eighteen hundred and
four was sentenced to be hanged by the neck untill
he be dead; and whereas a warrant of Execution
was awarded on the thirtieth day of May last
to Take place on the thirtieth instant; which
said warrant was afterwards suspended by a
respite dated the eleventh day of June Instant, by
which the Execution of him the said Sam was sus-
pended and adjourned untill the eleventh day of
July next, and whereas it appears from the repres-
entation of several of the jury who tried the said
Sam together with a number of respectable persons
inhabitants of the said County, that the said Sam, was
in a state of intoxication at the time that he
committed the said offence, and it having been
proved to me by the oath of Richard Lee that the
said Sam lived with him as a slave for twenty
or four years during which period he behaved in an
orderly and honest manner. Now know ye that
I have thought proper by and in pursuance of the
powers invested in me by Law to commute and change
the said sentence of Death against the said negro
Sam into labour on the roads or cleaning making
repairing the streets or Bason of Baltimore, and do
hereby order and direct that instead of the said