

The State of Maryland to all our Bailiffs and good people to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas Levy Durben late of Frederick County was presented and found guilty of stealing a gun the property of Samuel Norris and also of feloniously stealing one silver watch the property of a certain John Butts and was by the Court of the said County at August term last sentenced to serve and labour on the Public roads of Baltimore County for and during the term of three months for each offence. And whereas it appears from the deposition of Justinian Mayberry overseer of the poor of Frederick County that the said Levy Durben was committed to his care about the first of November last and continued in the poor house under his superintendence until about the first of last May and that during his continuance in the said poor house he was variously affected with disease and bodily infirmity as well as an appearance of imbecillity of mind so much so that he considered him as a person of unsound mind and discretion and whereas the Court of the said County have stated that the said Deposition was corroborated by other testimony which did not come within the knowledge of the Court and Jury until after the conviction and sentence of the said Durben and have recommended him to Government as a fit object of mercy. I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said Levy Durben.