

eighteen Hundred and nine

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Edward Lloyd

The State of Maryland to all our Bailiffs and good People to whom these presents shall come greeting — whereas a certain John Lawson late of Baltimore County Yeoman was presented and found guilty at Baltimore County Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol delivery of feloniously killing Mary Pagar on the Twentieth day of December eighteen Hundred and seven and was by the said Court at January Term eighteen Hundred and eight sentenced to serve and labour on the public Roads of Baltimore County and so forth for the term of seven years, and whereas the supervisors of the said Roads have certified that the said John Lawson has been under his controul and direction since February eighteen Hundred and eight during which time he has conducted himself with uniform and exemplary conduct and propriety industriously peaceably and soberly: never receiving nor deserving rebuke or correction, and appearing truly repentant for his offence, and whereas the chief and the two associate Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County have together with four of the Justices of the Levy Court of said County recommended the said John Lawson to me as a fit object for the interposition of Government. I have therefore thought proper to Pardon the said John Lawson for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that he be released from the punishment to which he hath been adjudged on this express condition that the said John Lawson do within thirty days from this date depart the state of Maryland and do not at any time thereafter return into any part thereof and if the said John Lawson do not fully and strictly comply with the condition aforesaid then this Pardon to be null and void.