

The State of Maryland, to all our Bailiffs and good people
to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas
William Railey was sentenced by Queen Anne's County
Court at May Term last to one years confinement in the
Penitentiary for Stealing. And Whereas the Inspectors of the
said Penitentiary have recommended the said William
Railey to me as a fit object for the Interposition of Government
I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said William
Railey for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct
that he be released from the residue of the confinement
to which he hath been adjudged. Given under my hand
and the Seal of the State of Maryland this seventh day
of November eighteen hundred and Seventeen
By the Governor.

Minian Pinkney C. Ridgely of Hampton
Clerk of the Council
The Keeper of the Penitentiary

The State of Maryland to wit Whereas Benjamin
Meredith has been committed to the Jail of Baltimore County
on a charge of Stealing four Horses the property of
Cornelius Comegys - And whereas a number of respectable
persons Inhabitants of the City of Baltimore have prayed that
I would grant a writ of Habeas Corpus to the said Benjamin
Meredith on condition of his leaving the State of Maryland
I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that all
proceedings at law against the said Benjamin Meredith