

for the offence aforesaid. I do hereby order and direct that he be released from the residue of the punishment to which he hath been adjudged given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen

By the Governor
Vinian Pinkney Charles Ridgely of Hampton
Clerk of the Council
To the Keeper of the Penitentiary

The State of Maryland To all our Bailiffs and good people to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas William Hitch was sentenced by Somerset County Court at April Term 1816 to five years confinement in the Penitentiary for passing two notes of fifty cents each knowing them to be forged. And whereas the said Court the Inspectors of the Penitentiary together with a number of respectable persons inhabitants of the said County have recommended that I should grant a pardon to the said William Hitch. I have therefore thought proper to ~~pardon~~ ~~the said~~ William Hitch for the