

Abraham Lincoln,

President of the United States of America.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, at the April Term, A. D. 1860, of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Maryland, one Benjamin Brown, colored, was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to imprisonment for the term of three years, and to pay a fine of one dollar and the costs of prosecution; -

And whereas, the said Benjamin Brown has now served out his said term of imprisonment, conducting himself in a penitent and exemplary manner, and is now detained for non-payment of the aforesaid fine and costs; -

And whereas, the Hon. William F. Giles, Judge, and William Price, Esq., U. S. Attorney, of the United States Court for the said District, do certify that the said Benjamin Brown is penniless, and that a full enforcement of his sentence would amount to imprisonment for life, and do therefore recommend him to Executive

clemency; -

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, have granted and do hereby grant unto him, the said Benjamin Brown, a full and unconditional pardon.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington,
this Eighteenth day of June, A. D.
1863, and of the Independence
of the United States the Eighty-
seventh.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President,

William W. Seward,

Secretary of State.