

authorities in causing the laws against such enormities to be duly executed; I have therefore thought proper to issue this my proclamation and do by and with the advice and consent of Council hereby offer a reward of five hundred dollars to whoever will discover the author or perpetrators of the aforesaid murder and robbery provided he do or they or any of be convicted thereof, and moreover I do by virtue of the authority and powers vested in me hereby promise a full and free pardon to any person being an accomplice who shall discover the perpetrator or perpetrators of the said murder and robbery on the aforesaid condition;

^{under my hand} Given in Council at the City of Annapolis under the seal of the State of Maryland this sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three

By his Excellency
Commander in Chief Robert A. B. Calvert

City of Annapolis July 15th 1803

Whereas it appears from the representation of Joseph H. Nicholson Esquire of Queen Anns County that a Negro girl named Hannah aged about fourteen years the slave of William Chambers of the said County is threatened with a prosecution for an assault and Battery alledged to have been committed on Ann Honey a white woman the wife of Henry Honey, and whereas it is further represented unto me that the said Hannah had some dispute with Ann Honey who undertook to flog her, and the said Negro Hannah in resisting is said to have struck the said Ann Honey, and whereas it is further stated to me that the said Negro Hannah has been severely chastised by her master and beat by the husband of the said Ann, and it having been prayed by the said Joseph H. Nicholson that a Noli prosequi might be granted, I have therefore thought proper