

the Town of Alexandria is his principal Witness
whose Testimony he cannot obtain as Mr. Hoe is not
subject to the jurisdiction of Charles County Court
and Whereas a number of respectable persons have
represented to me that he is a proper object for the
interposition of Government and have prayed the granting
a *habeas corpus*; I have Therefore thought proper to order
and direct that all proceedings at Law against the said
Charles Mankin do Cease and Determine and that no
further prosecution be had or carried on against the said
Mankin for or Concerning the same; Given under my
hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this nineteenth
day of March Eighteen hundred and four
attest Merian Pinkney Ck Robt Bowie

City of Annapolis March 26th 1804

Whereas it appears by a representation from the Honorable
William Clayett Chief Justice of the fifth district of this
state and Robert Hughes Esquire one of the associate
Justices of Washington County Court, that a certain Negro
Anthony Slave to Lodwick Speer stands presented
in the Court of the said County for several felonies on his
own Confession, and they further state that it was necessary
to make use of the said Anthony as a witness on the part of
the state against a certain Negro Ned and Negro Janny
who were convicted of several felonies and sentenced to
their respective punishments and Whereas the said Judge
together with the prosecutor have prayed that a *habeas corpus*
might be granted, I have thought proper to
order and direct that all proceedings at Law against
the said Negro Anthony do Cease and Determine and
that no further prosecution be had or carried on against
the said Negro Anthony for or on account of the same,
on this express condition that the master of the said