

the absolute testimony of the bank which if  
it or some more satisfactory evidence did  
afterwards again attempt to pass the said  
notes for which he was arrested & bound to  
appear as aforesaid. He protests his inno-  
cence of the forgery and states he has had  
no testimony as yet to induce a belief that  
the said notes were forged. And whereas  
a number of respectable persons inhabitants of  
of Dorchester and other Counties, who were  
well acquainted with the said Bennett  
have expressed their entire belief of the above  
facts and have represented him to be a  
person who has always supported a fair &  
honorable character and have prayed the  
granting of a Noli Prosequi. I have therefore  
in pursuance of the powers invested in me  
by law, thought proper to order & direct that  
all proceedings at law against the said  
Thomas Bennett do cease and determine  
and that no further prosecution be had  
or carried on against him for or concerning  
the same. Given under my hand & the seal  
of the State of Maryland this twelfth  
day of October eighteen hundred and four  
By the Governor Robert Bowie

Ninian Pinkney Clerk of the Council.