

- Annapolis, October 1st 1808.

Whereas William L Chamberlain a Merchant
in the naval service of the United States
has been by the verdict of a Jury of Inquest
found guilty of killing a certain Clement
Linsdley - And whereas it appears from
the opinion of the Honourable Walter Dorsey
Chief Justice of Baltimore County Criminal
Court grounded on the Testimony of several
respectable Witnesses that the said Clement
Linsdley made the first Assault and was
fully of the opinion that the said Cham-
berlain was justified in making the
resistance which caused the death of
the said Linsdley, and the said opinion
being corroborated by that of William Pinkney
Esq^r who attended at the giving in of the
evidence. I have thought proper to order and
direct that all proceedings at Law against
the said William L Chamberlain do cease
and determine - and that no further Prose-
cution be had or carried on against him
for or on account of the same -

Given under my Hand and the Seal
of the State of Maryland, at the City of
Annapolis this first day of October
in the Year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and five -

By the Governor

Rob. Bowie -

Wm. Pinkney.