

to apprehend and bring before him a Negro named Jacob
the property of John Booth Abell. The Petitioner states that
it is true that a Warrant was tendered to him by the Just
aforesaid but it was out of the Hundred for which he
had been appointed Constable and that it was before he
had entered into Bond for the faithful performance of his
duty as Constable and that of course he did not consider
himself Justifiable under the Law to act in that capacity
until he had complied with its requisites that he is a
young man without experience in the Law and that he
he has ever been anxious to see the Laws executed and
whereas a number of respectable persons inhabitants of
Saint Marys County have stated to me that they believe
the above facts to be true and have recommended the grant
of a *habeas corpus* I have therefore thought proper to
and direct that all Proceedings at Law against the said
Jonathan Abell do cease and determine and that no further
Prosecution 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 this Thirty first Day of October in the
year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and six

By the Governor
Minian Pinkney

Robt Bowie

Clerk of the Council

To the Prosecutor of Saint Marys County

The State of Maryland to wit Whereas James Bell
of Prince Georges County stands charged with having
occasioned the Death of a certain Negro Girl his slave