

was sentenced to be hanged by the neck until he was dead, and whereas the said sentence was commuted by his Excellency Robert Bowie on the seventh day of November Eighteen Hundred and five to fifteen years labour on the public Roads of Baltimore County and so forth - and Whereas the said John W Thompson suffered all the tortures of the said sentence except death itself the said commutation being delivered to the Sheriff when the said Thompson was under the Gallows - and whereas the said John W Thompson has laboured on the Roads from the term of said commutation till a few months past when he became so reduced and debilitated as to be unable further to labour - and whereas his sufferings have been such that his life which was intended to be saved is in imminent danger and will shortly terminate unless he is discharged from the residue of his punishment, all which is certified by his Physicians who attended him; and three of the representatives of the County, and two representatives of the City who together with Samuel R Smith and a number of respectable subscribers have united in his Petition to be discharged from further Punishment. I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said John W Thompson for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that he be released from the Punishment to which he hath been adjudged: on this express condition that the said John W Thompson do within thirty days from this date depart the State of Maryland and do not at any time thereafter return into any part thereof. and if the said John W Thompson do not fully and strictly comply with the condition aforesaid then this pardon to be null and void so that no benefit or advantage shall arise to the said John W Thompson from the same or any part thereof. Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this thirtieth day of January Eighteen Hundred and eight.

By the Governor  
Ninian Pinkney  
Clerk of the Council

Robert Wright