

The State of Maryland to wit. Whereas Peregrine Tilden has been indicted for manslaughter for killing a certain John Hughes at Queen Anne County Court may term past and whereas all the attending grand jurors, the Bar and a number of the respectable citizens have applied for a nolle prosequer, and it appearing to have arisen in a sudden affray in which said Hughes was the aggressor, and without any intention to kill, it being without any weapon, or any evidence of Malice. I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at law against the said Tilden 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 thirteenth day of May Eighteen Hundred and eight

By the governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Wright

May 22^d - 1808

In a Pardon lately granted to Abraham Sedgrave it was stated, that it had been represented to me that he had served three years and that he had received two hundred stripes by Jacob Madeira. From the certificates of Sheriffs Hunter and Bailey and Doctors Smith and Cromwell I am satisfied that Mr Madeira acted as a man of humanity towards the prisoners, and by the certificate of Mr Green the Turnkey that the said Sedgraves case was misrepresented to me. This I feel gratified to acknowledge, and that my humanity in listening to the tale of woe has led me to the expressions relative to Mr Madeira which I am happy to say were not well founded

Robert Wright