

zeal for their country's cause and a respect for their ancestors,
appear to have led them to this transgression of the letter of law,
to defend the spirit and principles of the revolution and the
character of their progenitors: - I have no doubt, from the
practice of our ancestors, during our glorious Revolution, that
is one of the cases, contemplated by the framers of the Consti-
-tution, in which the prerogative of Mercy was intended to
be exercised: - In consideration whereof, I have thought
proper to pardon the said John McDaniel, George Willaley,
Barney Jordan, Joseph Coane, John Bryan Jacob Caba,
John Gidelman, and Samuel Davidson, for the said off-
-ence and do hereby order and direct, that they be released
from the confinement to which they have been adjudged,
immediately on the receipt of this. Given under my hand
and the seal of the state of Maryland, this twenty eighth
day of January Eighteen Hundred and nine

By the Governor

Merian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Wright

The State of Maryland to wit whereas a certain John
C. Ashcome was indicted in Saint Marys County Court for
usury in letting money to a certain Nathaniel Washington
and whereas application has been made to me for a Nolle
prosequi by the said John C. Ashcome and whereas the
said Nathaniel Washington and a very respectable
number of the citizens of said County have united with
the said Ashcome in petitioning for a Nolle Prosequi
I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said
John C. Ashcome for the offence aforesaid and do hereby
order and direct that all Proceedings at law against the
said John C. Ashcome do cease and determine and
that no further prosecution be had or carried on against
him for or on account of the said offence. Given under
the seal of the State of Maryland this twenty
eighth day of February in the year of our said