

the same. Given under my hand and the seal of the
State of Maryland this Twentieth day of May eighteen
Hundred and nine.

By the Governor
Minian Parkney
Clerk of the Council

James Butcher

To the Prosecutor of Somerset County

The State of Maryland to the Honourable Jeremiah
Townly Chase Chief Judge of the Third Judicial District
and Henry Ridgely and Richard Hall Harwood afo-
ciate judges of the same Greeting whereas it has been
represented to me that a certain negro slave has been
committed to and is now confined in Anne Arundel County
Gaol on a charge

Inhabitant of said County
which cannot be tried until the ensuing court which
will not take place till the third Monday in September
next without a special Commission. Know ye that I
have appointed and commissioned and by these Presents
do appoint and commission you the said Jeremiah
Townly Chase Henry Ridgely and Richard Hall
Harwood Esquires Jointly or any one or more of you to
hear and determine all crimes offences or misdemeanors
and to deliver the Gaol of the said County of Anne
Arundel from all persons therein confined for any
crime offence or misdemeanor - and I do command
you that on Monday the nineteenth day of June
next year or any one or more of you attend at the
City of Annapolis in the said County of Anne
Arundel to deliver the said Gaol as well of the Pris-
oners aforesaid as of any others that may be confined therein
doing what to Justice may appertain according