

in each week, for the space of five weeks, in the American and Federal Gazette, at Baltimore; the Maryland Gazette and the Maryland Republican at Annapolis; the National Intelligencer, the Eastern Star; W. Grier's paper at Hagerstown, and in W. Bartgis's paper at Frederick Town

By order

Benjamin Penkney
Clerk of the Council

By his Excellency Edward Lloyd Esquire Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas, it has been represented to me by the memorial of Jacob Staley, of Frederick County, that on the night of the sixteenth of December last, his new Barn with the following contents were set on fire and consumed, viz - in wheat and other small grain, about fourteen Hundred Bushels, two ton of Hay, six head of valuable Horses, and nine head of horned cattle - and that on the night of the Twentyfirst of October last, another Barn belonging to the said Staley, with the following contents, viz - about Eight Hundred Bushels of wheat, fifteen ton of Hay, and fodder to a considerable amount, was likewise consumed by fire; and that he has reason to suspect that some malicious person or persons wilfully set fire to the same. and whereas, it is of the greatest importance to society that the perpetrator or perpetrators of such crimes should be discovered and brought to justice, I have therefore thought proper to issue this, my proclamation; and do, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, offer a reward of five Hundred Dollars, to whoever will discover the author of perpetrators of the said offences, provided he, she or they, or any of them, be convicted thereof: And moreover, I do, by virtue of the authority and power vested in me; hereby promise a full and free pardon to any person being an accomplice, who shall discover the perpetrator or perpetrators of the said offences, on the aforesaid condition. Given at Annapolis under the seal of the State of Maryland.