

Dennis. that Dennis impudged with the same be biffand from the same cause persisted in his request to wrestle, which the said Joseph resisted by a direct and positive denial and immediately went to the house about thirty paces distant from the place where they stood, requesting Dennis to go away, but that the said Dennis paying no attention to the request of Joseph followed on, as though he would wrestle whether Joseph would or not. that the said Joseph with a view of scaring Dennis was induced to get a Gun which stood behind the door empty as he supposed to snap at Dennis having frequently snapped it before - that the said Gun had been loaded a few days before by his father - it went off and killed Dennis to the great grief and distraction of mind of Joseph - that there were no persons present but a few young children the oldest not more than seven years of age - that the only evidence in the case was from the confession of the said Joseph - and whereas the said Coroner, J. J. have recommended the granting of a Noli Prosequi. I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at law against the said Joseph Christ 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 Twenty seventh day of June eighteen Hundred and Twelve

By the Governor

Minian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Bowie

The State of Maryland to wit Whereas Richard Sweeney has been committed to Baltimore County Gaol on a charge of stealing five Barrels of Herrings the property of a certain William Howell and William Howell Junr on the tenth Ultimo. and whereas the said William Howell sen and William Howell Junr and a number of respectable persons inhabitants of Baltimore County have