

Brown since his confinement has been orderly, and that he made a discovery of an attempt to escape on the part of a number of convicts, and have recommended him to me as a fit object for the interposition of Government. I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said William Brown for the offence aforesaid, and do hereby order and direct that he be released from the residue of the punishment to which he hath been adjudged, immediately on the receipt of this. Given under my hand and the seal of the state of Maryland this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

C. Ridgely of Hampton

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting. Whereas Matthew Chapman has been indicted arraigned and found guilty of committing murder on his wife Mary Chapman and by the Justices of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol delivery for Baltimore County judicially sitting in the City of Baltimore in and for the said County on the second Monday in July last was sentenced to be hanged by the neck until he be dead. These are therefore to will and require as also to charge and command you that on or before twelve of the clock on Friday the Eleventh of October next you take the said Matthew Chapman from your prison and him safely convey to the Gallows in the said County the common place of execution of Malefactors and there the said Matthew Chapman hang by the neck on the said Gallows until he be dead for all which this shall be your sufficient power and authority. Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State of Maryland at the