

advice and Consent of the Council, offer a Reward of
two hundred Dollars to any person or persons who shall
apprehend and Deliver to the Sheriff of Montgomery
County the ~~said negro slave~~. Given under my
hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this
Seventeenth of July eighteen hundred and Seventeen
By his Excellency's Command
Ninian Pinckney C. Ridgely of Hampton
Clerk of the Council

The State of Maryland to wit Whereas Bentin
Riggen has been indicted and convicted in Baltimore City
Court at March Term last of manslaughter committed
on the Body of Ann Riggins. And Whereas the said
Court Eleven of the Jury together with a number of
Respectable persons inhabitants of Baltimore County have
recommended the said Bentin Riggen as a fit object
for the Interposition of Government I have therefore
thought proper to order and direct that all Proceedings
at law against the said Bentin Riggen for or on account
of the said offence 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 Seventeenth
day of July eighteen hundred and Seventeen.
By the Governor
Ninian Pinckney C. Ridgely of Hampton
Clerk of the Council