

The State of Maryland to Wit, Whereas
was presented and indicted at Queen Anne's County
Court at October Term last of manslaughter
committed on the Body of a free negro man named
Samuel Griffin by shooting at him with a gun.
And whereas the Grand jury have stated to me that it
appeared from the evidence given in the case that the
intention of the said Rice was to bribe the said
Griffin who was in the act of stealing (and carrying
off some the property) of the said Rice and have recommended
to the said James Rice to me 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 James Rice 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
concerning the same. Given under my hand, and
the seal of the State of Maryland, this twenty ninth
day of November, eighteen hundred and Seventeen.

By the Governor

Amian Pinkney Clerk of the Council

C. Ridgely of Hampton

To the Prosecutor of Queen Anne's County
