

And whereas it has been stated to me by a number of respectable
inhabitants of the City of Baltimore that the said Lewis Charles Topet
is ignorant of the English Language and that he violated the law
from ignorance and not design and have recommended him 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
Lewis Charles Topet 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 thirteenth day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney

C. Ridgely of Hampton

Clerk of the Council

Shelton the Attorney General

The State of Maryland to all our Bailiffs and good People
to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas Abraham George
Hammond late of Baltimore County German was presented by the
Grand Jury for the Body of Baltimore County for stealing and car-
rying away on the fifteenth day of November eighteen hundred and
three one Stage Waggon of the value of twenty Pounds current money
two Horses of the value of twenty Pounds current Money each of the
Goods and Chattells of John Smith and the said Abraham George
Hammond on a trial by a Jury before The Justices of Oyer and Terminer
and so forth for Baltimore County at a Court held in and for the
said County on the first Monday in November eighteen hundred and
three for the trial of all crimes, felonies offences and misdemeanors
in the said County committed was found guilty thereof. And whereas
as His Excellency The Governor of Maryland on the tenth day of
December eighteen hundred and three pardoned the said Abraham
George Hammonds on condition of his leaving the State of Maryland
within four days from the said tenth of December and