

were made by him and that as soon as he knew the coat  
stolen he paid the value thereof to the persons to whom it was  
consigned and whose receipts are filed with his petition. And  
whereas a number of respectable persons inhabitants of the City  
of Baltimore among whom are nine of the Petit Jurors of Balti-  
more City Court have united in recommending him to the  
clemency of Government, several of whom have also stated  
that they have long known him and considered him an upright  
character. I have therefore thought proper to order and direct  
that all proceedings at law against the said Aaron Byrnes  
for or on account of the said offences 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 fourteenth day  
of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred  
and eighteen

By the Governor  
Minian Pinkney

L. Ridgely of Hampton

Clerk of Council

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Attorney General

The State of Maryland, to all our Bailiffs and good  
People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. Whereas  
Jonathan Abell was sentenced by Saint Marys County Court  
at March term eighteen hundred and eighteen to two years  
confinement in the Penitentiary House in Baltimore County  
for an assault and battery with an intent to commit a rape  
on a certain Susanna Leach. And whereas the said Susanna  
Leach several of the Grand and Petit Jury together with a number  
of respectable persons inhabitants of Saint Marys County have  
recommended the said Jonathan Abell to me as a fit object for  
the interposition of Government. I have therefore thought