

The State of Maryland, to wit. Whereas John Burtam has been indicted in two cases in Baltimore City Court for receiving stolen goods the property of John F. Browning and William Proctor knowing them to have been stolen and whereas it has been represented to me that the said John Burtam entered into two recognizances the sum of five hundred Dollars each for his appearance at the said City Court to answer the said presentments which said recognizances were forfeited and paid. And whereas it has been stated to me by a number of respectable persons Inhabitants of Baltimore City that they have been for a considerable time acquainted with the said John Burtam, and that previous to his arraignment he was considered to be a man of honesty and integrity and have recommended him 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 John Burtam for or on account of the offences aforesaid 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 twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighteen

By the Governor

Wm. Pinkney

C. Ridgely of Hampton

Clerk of the Council

The Hon. the Attorney General

The State of Maryland, to wit. Whereas Frederick Ruessell has been presented by the Grand Jury of Caroline County for a free ing beating and shooting a certain John Murray a free Negro with intent to kill the said Murray on the twentieth day of September eighteen hundred and seventeen. And whereas a number of persons