

herby order and direct that he be released from the result of
the punishment to which he hath been adjudged.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland
this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and Eighteen.

By the Governor

Ninian Pinkney

Clerk of the Council

Charles Ridgely of Hampton
The Keeper of the Penitentiary

The State of Maryland, to wit. Whereas, John Smith
James Mumford, James Merryman, John Kiddich and Thomas
Merryman have been recognized for their personal appearance
at Frederick County Court in the sum of one thousand dollars each
to answer what shall then and there be alledged against them
for having killed George a man of colour &c. And Whereas it
has been represented to me by, a number of respectable persons
inhabitants of the said County, that the said George had runaway
from his master and that the accident occurred while the said
persons were attempting to take him. And Whereas it appears
further from the depositions of a number of respectable persons
that the said George was a person of infamous character and
appearing satisfactory to me from the said Documents that the
said John Smith, James Mumford, James Merryman,
John Kiddich and Thomas Merryman had no intention
killing the said George. I have therefore thought proper
to order and direct that all proceedings at law &c. in