

the said John Smith, James Mumford, James Merryman,
John Reddick and Thomas Merryman for or on account
of the said Offence do cease and determine and that no
further prosecution be had or carried on against them
for or on account of the same. Given under my
hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this twenty
first day of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

By the Governor

Minian Pinkney Charles Ridgely of Hampton

Clerk of the Council

To the District Attorney for the 5th Judicial District

The State of Maryland, To all our Bailiffs and good
People to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas
Juno Clarke a coloured woman was sentenced by Baltimore
City Court at June Term last to be hung for arson. And
Whereas eight of the Jury who served at the said session
of the said Court have stated to me that the whole
testimony against said Juno Clarke was presumptive and not
positive. And there is a possibility of her innocence and have
recommended that I would change the said sentence of death
to confinement in the Penitentiary. I have thought proper by
and in pursuance of the powers invested in me by law to
commute and change the said sentence of death against
the said Juno Clarke to ten years confinement in the
Penitentiary in the city of Baltimore the first three