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We should thank him for the uninterrupted health which our whole country with scarcely an exception has throughout the year enjoyed. The pestilence that heretofore has habitually scourged certain portions of our land seems in spite of heartily calculations to the contrary to have suspended its annual visitation as if by special Providential interposition.

More especially should we in Maryland thank him, that the attempt so recently made to invade our State and transfer to its soil, the scene of the Conflict has been so successfully resisted by our defenders and so unpropitiously rebuked by our citizens, and that whilst war in its most appalling aspects has for the past eighteen months raged within sight of our borders, our own people with the exception of our memorable week have all practically enjoyed most of the advantages of Peace.

Let us therefore with grateful hearts laying aside for the time all secular pursuits as well as all partizan animosities offer up on the day above appointed our united thanks for these and all the other blessings we still enjoy, accompanied with our prayers that they may be still continued.

Let us implore him who throughout our national career has so distinguished us with his favor not to withdraw it now in the day of our severest trial but that inspiring our rulers with the wisdom to discern and the strength to perform their responsible duties he will cause our Union to be re-established in all its recent power restore peace to our bleeding country, re-unite its wrangling citizens, curb the mad ambition of those insanely attempting to dismember it, and the factious spirit that would divide those offering to defend it and allow it once more to remain among the nations of the earth, the proud faction which through his unvarying goodness it has been hitherto permitted to maintain

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State of Maryland at the City of Annapolis this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and sixty two and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty sixth

Place of seal

By the Governor

W. M. Hill Secretary of State

A. M. Bradford

October 28<sup>th</sup>

The Governor issued his requisition upon Hon. James Doollop Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the arrest of negroes "Rick" and "Houston" slaves of William Lyles of Prince Georges County charged on Christman found in Circuit Court of said County with the crime of "Arson", and their delivery to Peter J. Grimes Sheriff of said County;