

1863

December 15<sup>th</sup>

The Governor directed publication of the usual notice of an application for pardon in the case of Samuel Bikes convicted of assault and battery in the Circuit Court for Talbot County at November term 1863 and sentenced to six months imprisonment in the County Jail.

Same day the Governor granted a pardon to Charles Hency convicted in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County at November term 1863 of aiding slaves to escape and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary for six years and five months.

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Governor directed publication of the usual notice of an application for pardon in the case of John T. Perry convicted in the Circuit Court for Charles County at December term 1863 of assault with intent to kill and now awaiting sentence.

December 26<sup>th</sup>

The Governor this day issued the following Proclamation.

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis December 26<sup>th</sup> 1863

To Maryland Volunteers proposing to re-enlist and others willing to enter the Service.

I desire to call your attention to an act of Congress recently passed and of which I have this day been advised by the ministering officer at Baltimore which prohibits the payments of the increased bounties at present offered by the Government after the 5<sup>th</sup> January next.

It is removed certain that a large number of recruits will be still required by this State under the call of the President of 19<sup>th</sup> October last. The National Army must be maintained and you I know cannot but approve every effort made to reinforce it.

A draft will be inevitably necessary to supply so much of our quota as may not be furnished in the way of Volunteers. Although I have as yet received no notification of what that quota under the call referred to is, we should prepare without delay to meet it, not only to reduce as much as possible the number of the next draft but to realize the benefit of the bounties now offered by immediate action and before the short time allowed for their payment has expired. To secure