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1851 Pardon Abraham Brogden

Petition & Papers
in the case of
Abraham Brogden
Convicted in A. A. Co:
Court of enticing a slave
to runaway.

Pardoned by the Governor
May 23d. 1851

Baltimore, March 20th, 1851.

To His Excellency, E. Louis Lowe,
Governor of Maryland.

Dear Sir:

We desire to say to you in behalf of Abraham Brogden, a Colored Prisoner now confined in the Maryland Penitentiary, that we knew his father and Grandfather, and that they always sustained a high character as colored people, for their industry, sobriety, and honesty. We lived near them for years, and never heard a word said to their disparagement. Of Abraham Brogden we have heard many speak in the most favorable terms, as an honest, sober and industrious young Negro, and but few can be found who do not look upon his attempt to save his wife from a sale to some far distant parts, as an offence not deserving of the full penalty of the law. He has now been imprisoned two years, half the term imposed by law upon the most aggravated offence of the kind, and we therefore earnestly solicit your Excellency to grant him an immediate pardon.

With great respect we are
Your Obedient Servants,
Barzillai Marriott
T. D. Marriott.

Baltimore, April 17th, 1851.

Upon the strength of the within statements concerning Abraham Brogden and the declarations made by the Officer from Anne Arundel who delivered him at the Penitentiary, to wit; that many of the citizens of Annapolis were of opinion that he ought not to have been convicted and that they talked of soliciting his pardon from the late Executive – and which said declarations were made to the Warden, as his letter to Thomas D. Marriott in answer to written inquiries put to him by the said Marriott, proves, we cheerfully join with the signers of the within application in soliciting Brogden's pardon at the hands of your Excellency.

R W Tyson
Smith & Tyson
John F. Connolly
Edward Norwood
A.W. Dennead & Son
James Curley
James W Curley
A. Curley Jr
Geo Hoshower
Wm E Miller
Wm E. Mayhew Jr
Wm Hawkins

Wm E Mayhew
Alex Fisher
Andrew Aldridge
Francis M Aldridge
A. Aldridge Jr
Robt Eaton
Hooper C. Eaton
Thomas Harrison
A. Schumacher
Brown & Poultney
Geo. Popplein Jr.

John I Thomas
M Kelly
Bruce Cruse
Jno F McJilton
J Lounds
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Lambert S. Norwood
Arthur Shaaff
John D. Lecker
Fred Wellman
J Wolff
Nathaniel Brothers
Fielo Lucas
Richard Lilly
Geo Munroe

Chas B. Green
James Lemmey
Heron C. Murray
Edwd S. Norris
Dan'l Nelson
L N Lowney
Joshua Tansent
Amos Lovejoy
William M Stan
G H Spilker
Coleman & Rogers
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Lorle Hoffman Scholer
L R Blake
Raymond Mayer
Lewis Droel
B. W. Quinlan
Walter Bale
Wm H. H. Turner
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Byrd Smith & Tiffany

J. L. Brown & Co

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John Landstrat

Wells Chase

Daniel Hoolbridge

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M. Dillie

Jacob Ernst

W. Knabe

J. D. Foreman

H. Bronner

Fredk. Hickey

Robt. T. Roe

H. R. Bestor

C. P. Lent

J. Winchester

Geo. M. Rogers

Philip C. Friese

Mophilus Cobler

L. Mizelle

L. P. Bayne

James Mott

R. H. Lowry

W. Thorn

R. H. Meade

Chas. A. Lelong

M. R. Priest

Parkhurst & Co

J. Malcom & Co

J. Bauer

Charles Cuspard

Sam'l Sinco

H. L. Sanderson

James Harshaw

Henry Cragg

Petition of Citizens
of Bolton for the
pardon of
Abraham Brogden

April - 1851

Baltimore May 20th 1851

His Excellency
E. Louis Lowe.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to the petition in favor of Abraham Brodgden, Colored, for pardon.

You will perceive, that he was convicted for aiding his wife to escape from her Master. Isaac M. Denson, Esq., has already certified to the prisoner's good conduct and expressed his belief, that this is a proper case for Executive Clemency, and will, I feel warranted in stating, give your Excellency many, and strong reasons for granting the prayer of your petitioner.

Many respectable names will be found appended to the petition, and most of them Gentlemen who know the prisoner. The crime was in endeavoring to set his wife, at liberty: Not that instigated by fanaticism, but one produced by feelings entirely different from those by which fanatics and political abolitionists are swayed. Brodgden, has been already confined for a considerable time, and has paid the penalty of his folly, his wife has been sold beyond the limits of the State, and nothing further can be apprehended from him; so he does not profess, as far as I can understand, any special sympathy for all persons in bondage.

I shall be gratified if you can, consistently with your views of propriety, grant the prayer of your petitioners.

Very Respectfully
Your friend & servant
Thomas D. Marriott

P.S. His wife died since the conviction; and it should be borne in mind, that she was about to be sold, (under Execution) for her Masters debts, when Mr Rodgers, came off with her. This, in my humble ~~opinion~~ judgement, is in the prisoners favor.

Yours &c.
T.D.M.

Office of the Md Penitentiary
Baltimore, March 15th 1851

To Thomas L. Marriott Esq,

Dear Sir

In answer to your Enquiries concerning Abraham Brogdon, a Colored Prisoner Confined here, I have the following Statements to make.

He was delivered into my Charge on the 29th day of April 1849, and was Sentenced to serve and labor in the Penitentiary until the 1st of May 1853. The offence of which he was Convicted, was that of enticing a Slave (his wife) to run away and he was Convicted before Anne Arundel County Court.

The officer from Anne Arundel who delivered him into my Charge, said that many persons in attendence at the Court thought he ought not to have been sent here, and that there was a strong talk in Annapolis at that time, of interceding with the late Governor for his pardon. I have heard Brogden highly spoken of by many persons, for his industry, sobriety, and good Conduct previous to his Conviction, and Mr James Curley of this City, for whom Brogdon worked on his farm in Anne Arundel, will certify to his excellent character at any time.

Since Abraham Brogden has been Confined in Prison, his conduct has been such as to command my entire approbation. He has now been imprisoned nearly two years, and as the law has been, in my opinion, sufficiently vindicated by the time he has already served,

I cannot but express the belief that his pardon by the Executive will be favorably received.

With respect
I am yours
Isaac M. Benson

To His Excellency,
E. Louis Lowe Esq.
Governor of Md.

The contents of the foregoing letter and the statements made to us by those who have known Abraham Brogden's good character for many years, viewed in connection with ~~[illegible]~~ the circumstances therewith connected, the undersigned, believing ~~that~~ two years imprisonment has been an all-sufficient punishment, cheerfully unite in soliciting Abraham Brogden's pardon at the hands of your Excellency.

We are, Sir, your Obedient Servants,

Robert J. Brent
W. M. Addison
Henry Clay
J. Marion
W. Pressley Watkins
Oliver P. Ridgely
James Toner
Thomas Watson
Thomas D. Mariott
Nov. H. Morgan Jr.
Benjn Eggleston
Wm R. Maffit
L. Marr
E. J. Marriott
W. L. Dalrymple
Wm H. Hope
L. D. Daniels
John Cathers
Philip Muth Jr
Asa H. Smith
Jonah W. Marriott
John H. Marion

Anne Arundel County Court.
April Term 1849

State of Maryland

vs.

Abraham Brogden

Indict. for enticing &c. to run away negro Cinderella a slave of George F. Worthington.
Verdict "Guilty"
Judgment "To serve in the Penitentiary House for the space of four years.
signed Apr. 20th.

Test
Wm. H. Nicholson Clk.