

J. W. Williams

State of Maryland, Co. Nit.

Whereas a certain John W. Williams was convicted on indictment in the late Baltimore City Court at its September Term in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine of Murder in the 2<sup>d</sup> Degree and sentenced to Confinement in the Penitentiary until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1865.

And Whereas the said John W. Williams has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor by fourteen of the Grand Jury and five of the Special Panel, as also by Hon. David Stewart, C. C. Wilson, W. M. Starr, Hon. H. Smith, and a very large number of citizens of Baltimore, upon the ground of his previous good character, the length of time he has already served and his uniform exemplary conduct while an inmate of the Penitentiary.

Pardon

Now therefore I, Thomas Watkins Ligon, Governor of the State of Maryland have thought proper to pardon the said John W. Williams and I do hereby direct that he be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offence and grant him pardon therefor.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 23<sup>d</sup> day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

By the Governor

Nathaniel Cox  
Secretary of State

T. Watkins Ligon

Phoebe Myers  
free negroes

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Whereas a certain Phoebe Myers free negroes, was convicted on seven several indictments in the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, at its November Term in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five of harboring and assisting to run away, certain slaves of R. C. Carmichael and sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary for the term of six years and six months on first indictment & for the term of six years on each of the six remaining indictments making an aggregate of forty two years and six months from 15<sup>th</sup> December 1855.

And Whereas the said Phoebe Myers free negroes has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor by Hon. T. B. Hopper, Hon. C. F. Chambers & by R. C. Carmichael the owner of the slaves, George Tickers, Clinton Cook, C. B. Hopper jr., John M. Robinson, Madison Brown, Thomas J. Keatinge Esquires, & other citizens of said County.

Now therefore I, Thomas Watkins Ligon, Governor of the State of Maryland have thought proper to pardon the said Phoebe Myers free negroes and I do hereby direct that she be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offences and grant her pardons therefor.

L. S.

Given under my hand & the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

By the Governor

Gaskell  
Acting Secretary of State

T. Watkins Ligon

Pardon