

August 23. 1788.

By his Excellency William Smallwood Esquire Governor of Maryland  
 & Proclamation.

Whereas I have been well informed that John Callahan late of Queen Anne County was on the sixth of this instant August murdered. And whereas I have good reason to believe the above Murder was committed by a certain Edward Albridge alias Leg, who made his escape from Queen Anne County Jail a few Days before the Murder was perpetrated and was lurking in the Neighbourhood until the Night of Callahan's Decease, he then stole a horse and departed - he was committed to the said Jail on Suspicion of having released George Robinson and John Davenport from Talbot County Jail some Time last Spring - the said Albridge was frequently heard to threaten the life of Callahan, if ever he got out of Jail for his activity in having him apprehended - the said Albridge is a Dark Mulatto between thirty and forty years of Age, near six feet high, well set, strong and active, he has a bushy head and a remarkable scar on his thigh occasioned by a burn. For bringing to Justice therefore the perpetrator or perpetrators of this Villainy I have thought proper to publish this my Proclamation hereby offering a Reward of thirty seven pounds, ten shillings Current Money of Maryland for apprehending and securing the said Edward Albridge alias Leg or any person or persons who in any wise assisted in the Commission of the said Crime, to be paid on Conviction - Given at the City of Annapolis under the Seal of the State of Maryland this twenty third Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty eight.

By his Excellency's Command

W. Smallwood