

the said thirty Days nor any time before his transportation  
make, or attempt to make his Escape from the Prison of  
the County aforesaid, or from the custody of the said Sheriff,

Given under the Seal of the State of Mary-  
land this seventeenth Day of September in the year of  
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight

Annapolis September 29<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Whereas William Howard of Charles County  
was at May term last, presented in the General Court for  
the western Shore, for having wilfully perjured himself —  
And whereas several of the Justices, and the Clerk of Charles  
County, together with several other reputable Inhabitants  
of said County have certified that the said William Howard  
had never to their knowledge before, been charged with any  
matter that was dishonest, that from some Depositions  
to them produced, which now accompany his petition  
and their knowledge of his Character, they are persuaded  
the Charge is false and malicious and recommend  
him to the Clemency of Government I have therefore  
thought proper to order and direct that all Proceedings  
at Law for the said Offense do cease and determine  
and that no further prosecution be had or carried  
on against the said William Howard for or concerning  
the same.

W Smallwood

To Luther Martin Esq. Esq.  
Attorney General