

Annapolis October 23 1788.

Whereas a Bill of Indictment, hath been found on a presentment against John Somersell of St. Marys County for a forgery in a Bond, committed in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, and is now depending in the County Court of the said County. And whereas the Justices of the said Court have solicited the interposition of Government, representing that they are satisfied the Prosecution is malicious, and was instituted in consequence of the said Somersells having committed the Debtor in Execution for a Subsequent Debt at June Court last, and that they are of Opinion, if the prosecution is carried on it will be highly and cruelly injurious to the Character of W Somersell and his family - nor doth it appear that the Oblige could have been injured, or in anywise affected by the said forgery - I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that all Proceedings at Law for the said Offence do cease and determine, and that no further Prosecution be had or carried on against the said John Somersell for or concerning the same.

W Smallwood

To Luther Martin Esquire  
 Attorney General or the  
 Prosecutor of the Criminal Pleas  
 in St. Marys County Court