

April in the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety  
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By the Governor  
Ninian Pinkney clk

J. H. Stone

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City of Annapolis April 6<sup>th</sup> 1797

Whereas Samuel J. Dyson of Charles County  
has been presented by the Grand Inquest for the body  
of Charles County at August Term last for Challenging  
Nolley Dutton Senior of the said County; and whereas  
it is prayed by the said Samuel J. Dyson together with  
several persons inhabitants of the said County that  
a Noli prosequi may be granted; I have therefore  
thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings  
at Law against the said Samuel J. Dyson for or con-  
cerning the said offence do cease and determine and that  
no further prosecution be had or carried on against him  
for or concerning the same. Given under my hand  
and the seal of the State of Maryland this sixth day of  
April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and  
Ninety seven

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City of Annapolis April 8<sup>th</sup> 1797

Whereas it appears by the Petition of John Cotman the  
younger of Baltimore County, that he was an accomplice in a  
robbery of five hundred dollars the property of a certain Robert  
Senclair and privy to the concealment of the same and under a  
conviction of the impropriety of his conduct he disclosed the  
facts by which the offenders were brought to trial, sentence  
and punishment, and the property restored; it further  
appears by the said Petition, that a promise was made  
to the said John Cotman the younger that he should be  
recommended for a Noli Prosequi with an assurance that he  
might rely on its being obtained, And Whereas it is prayed  
by the Court of the said County, together with the Attorney

General