

General that a Noli Prosequi may be granted; I have  
therefore thought proper to order and direct that all pro-  
ceedings at law against the said John Cotman the younger  
for or concerning 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 Eight day of April, in the year of our Lord  
Seventeen hundred and Ninety seven.

By the Governour  
Ninian Pinkney Clk.

J. H. Stone

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City of Annapolis May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1797

The State of Maryland, To all our Bailiffs and  
good people to whom these presents shall come greeting.

Whereas William Grant of Baltimore County  
has been arraigned and found guilty of Stealing a Gold  
watch the property of William Welling, and by the  
Justices of Baltimore County Criminal Court, Jud-  
icially at the Town of Baltimore in and for the said  
County, the second Tuesday in November last, was  
sentenced to serve and labour on the Public roads  
of Baltimore County or in making repairing and  
cleaning the streets or bason of Baltimore Town  
for the Term of four years; And Whereas the  
Governour of the State of Connecticut and many  
other Citizens of the said State have represented  
that the said William Grant, is descended of very  
reputable parents and that he sustained a good  
Character while a resident of the said State, and  
have prayed that a pardon might be granted; - I  
have thought proper to pardon the said William  
Grant for the offence aforesaid, and do hereby  
order and direct that he be forthwith discharged  
from the service to which he hath been adjudged;  
Given under my hand, and the seal of the