

said John Sibb, and has for years past been the dread of the  
unfortunate family with which he was connected, and whereas  
the said Citizens have earnestly solicited the interposition of  
Government in favor of the said John Sibb, and it appearing from  
the circumstances disclosed by the said petition and accom-  
panying affidavits that such interposition is right and pro-  
per 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 Sibb for or  
concerning the same; Given under my hand and  
the seal of the State of Maryland at the City of  
Annapolis this seventeenth day of August  
seventeen hundred and ninety seven

attest Ninian Pinkney Clk J. H. Stone  
To Luther Martin Esquire  
attorney General or the  
prosecutor of the Criminal Pleas  
in Harford County

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City of Annapolis August 28<sup>th</sup> 1797

Whereas it is represented to me by the petition of  
Richard Millwater of Baltimore County, that he is in  
confinement in the Goal of Kent County for imprudently  
buying and bartering for sheep of some negroes who  
declared themselves to be free men, but who in fact was slaves,  
that the sheep were instantly restored to the owners who  
were satisfied, but that a prosecution has been carried  
on against him for the said offence; It is stated that  
the said petitioner is a Native of England and lately  
arrived in this Country; that he is some times deranged  
in his mind and was unacquainted with the con-  
sequences of dealing with such people, that he has