

and that no further prosecution be had or carried on against him for or concerning the said offence; given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this Twenty eight day of November Eighteen Hundred and one  
attest Minian Pinkney Clk John F. Mercer

City of Annapolis December 1<sup>st</sup> 1801  
Whereas William R. Dixon of Saint Mary's County is charged by an inquisition taken by and before Robert Armstrong Coroner of said County with having murdered a certain Negro man called Abraham, slave of the said Dixon; and Whereas the uniform Character of the said Dixon as represented to me for humanity to his slaves, and the nature of the evidence that has been adduced, which appears to be chiefly arising out of his own relation, furnish just ground to believe that the death of the slave might have been one of those sudden and unforeseen events against which human prudence could not have guarded; & Whereas the whole of the jury together with a number of respectable persons inhabitants of the said County have recommended him to me as an object worthy the clemency of Government and has prayed that a Nolle prosequi might be granted, I have therefore on due consideration thought proper to order and Direct that all proceedings at Law against the said William Dixon 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 Twenty first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

attest Minian Pinkney Clk John F. Mercer