

City of Annapolis May 20th 1802

Whereas David Porter was presented at Baltimore County Criminal Court at March Term last, for feloniously killing and murdering a Captain James McGlavin, and whereas it appears by sundry Depositions that the said David Porter a Lieutenant in the Marines, whilst in the act of compelling a sailor who belonged to his vessel to return to his Duty, was insulted and assaulted by the said James McGlavin who in the course of the fray was unfortunately killed; and Whereas the Honorable Robert Smith Secretary of the Navy has stated to me that the said Porter has supported an Honorable and Amiable Character and he together with many respectable persons inhabitants of Baltimore County prayed that a Nolle prosequi might be granted, and the Attorney General having communicated to me in writing, that the said prosecution cannot be supported; I have therefore thought proper to order and Direct that all proceedings at Law against the said Porter do cease and Determine, and that no further prosecution be had or carried on against him for or on account of the same. Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this Twentieth day of May Eighteen hundred and Two

Attest Ninian Pinkney clk. John F. Mercer

City of Annapolis August 2^d 1802

Whereas Edward Harris of Baltimore County stands presented by the Grand jury of Baltimore County Criminal Court at July Term last, for assaulting with an intention to kill and murder Richard A. Keene on the Twenty second day of June last; and Whereas the said Edward Harris has been recommended to me as an object worthy the interposition of Government and it appearing to the full satisfaction of my mind from abundant Testimony adduced, that the said Edward Harris at the time he is stated to have made the aforesaid Assault, and both before and after