

fifteenth of December which said warrant was afterwards  
suspended by several respits dated December the fourth and  
by the last of which the execution of him the said William Chadwell  
was suspended and adjourned until the thirty first of January  
last, before and at which time the sheriff of Montgomery County  
had resigned and no successor had qualified, and whereas  
the Chief Justice before whom the said Chadwell was tried  
hath represented unto me that the conviction was altogether  
on presumptive Testimony and hath recommended that a  
Commutation of the punishment of Death should be made  
on his behalf, and whereas sundry very respectable Cha-  
racters who have been acquainted with the said Chadwell  
from his Infancy to this time have made favorable represen-  
tations to me of the Character of the said Chadwell untill this  
accusation, and that as the proofs of guilt was only presumptive  
they cannot believe him guilty of so atrocious an act so  
entirely contrary to the tenor of his former life and praying  
the interposition of the Executive in his favor - Now know  
therefore in consideration of the premises and in as much as  
from the various representations of the evidence made to me  
I am disposed to believe the guilt of the said Chadwell doubt-  
ful, I have therefore thought proper, and I do hereby commute  
and change the said sentence of Death against the said William  
Chadwell into labour on the public Roads of Baltimore County  
or in making or repairing the Streets or Basins of Baltimore Town  
and do hereby order and direct that instead of the said William  
Chadwell suffering Death as aforesaid that he shall labour  
on the public Road of Baltimore County or in making or  
repairing the Streets or Basins of Baltimore Town for and during  
the Term of three years, to be computed from the date of these  
presents - Given under my hand and the seal of the State  
of Maryland This fourth day of February Eighteen  
hundred and three

John F. Munn

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