

Vertically suffered the punishment adjudged by the Court
and a number of respectable persons Inhabitants of
Baltimore having recommended the said Walker to the
Clemency of Government, I do hereby pardon the said offence
and remit all further punishment for the same so far as
I am Constitutionally and Legally authorized; Given under
my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this second
day of April Eighteen hundred and three —
Attest Ninian Pinney clk John F. Mercer

City of Annapolis April 4th 1803

Whereas it appears from the representation of Richard
Tilghman Esq that two Negro women named Mary and
Dorcas his slaves have been charged before William Clayton a
Justice for Queen Anns County for an Assault Committed on
Thomas Desage on the oath of the said Desage, and Whereas the
said Richard Tilghman has further represented to me that the
said assault was Committed in consequence of the improper
conduct of the said Desage his overseer who was about to
Chastise Mary the mother of the said Dorcas for an offence
too trivial in the opinion of the said Tilghman to deserve
correction, and in direct opposition to his orders; and
Whereas the said Richard Tilghman has recommended
the said Mary and Dorcas to me as fit objects of clemency
I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that
proceedings at Law against the said Mary and Dorcas do
Cease and Determine, and that no further prosecution
be had or carried on against them for or on account of
the same. Given under my hand and the seal of the
State of Maryland this fourth day of April Eighteen
hundred and three
Attest Ninian Pinney clk John F. Mercer