

The Chief Justice of the said Court has stated to me that the said Thomas Martin is the slave of a certain John Hooper which was not known to the Court at the trial of the said slave and has recommended him to the interposition of Government, and whereas that if the said Thomas Martin had been indicted as a slave that he could not have been sentenced to hard labour, I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said Thomas Martin for the offence aforesaid and hereby order and direct that he be discharged from the punishment to which he hath been adjudged, given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this Twentieth day of April Eighteen hundred and three

attest Merian Pinkney Clk      John F. Mercer

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City of Annapolis May 16th 1803

By his Excellency

John Francis Mercer Governor of the State of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas it appeareth unto me by an Inquisition taken before Robert Esquire one of the Coronors of Baltimore County that a most cruel and atrocious murder and robbery were committed on the person of Adam Wable paper maker a respectable and aged Citizen of Annerandel County by some unknown hand on or about the thirtieth day of March last which Inquisition hath been returned to me accompanied by a Memorial of sundry respectable Inhabitants of Annerandel and Baltimore Counties praying the Interposition of Government and whereas the Quiet and Security of the Commonwealth depend on the vigilance of the Constituted