

Annapolis, October 15<sup>th</sup> 1805  
State of Maryland, to wit; By a Representation of Joseph  
Hopper Nicholson of Queens Annes County; it appears that a  
certain Peter Wilson, a free black man, was presented at  
May Term last for stealing a loaf of Sugar, the property  
of John N. Giles a Merchant of Centerville, upon the oath  
of Mr. John Clarke, a young gentleman about fourteen years  
of age. And whereas the said Joseph H. Nicholson further  
states, that the said Peter has lived chiefly in his family,  
for the last eight years, during which time, he has trusted  
the said Peter very extensively, without ever having cause to  
believe he wronged him of anything, and that he always  
found him faithful, honest and industrious, and that the  
Witness whose Testimony would have established his Inno-  
cence is dead within the last Month. And whereas the  
said John N. Giles in consequence of the uniform good  
Character, the said Peter has borne, has likewise recom-  
mended the granting of a Noli prosequi; I have there-  
fore thought proper to order and direct that all  
proceedings at Law against the said Peter 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 fifteenth day of October in the Year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Bowie.

By the Governor  
Anian Pinkney  
Clerk of the Council

Annapolis, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1805

Death Warrant issued for the Execution of Jno. W. Thompson  
alias Jno. King, convicted at the last criminal Court of  
Baltimore County, of stealing a Horse the property of  
Samuel N. Smith. Execution to take place on Friday  
the eighth day of November next