

named Rachel by whipping - and whereas it has been
stated to me by the said James Belt that the said neg-
ro girl previous to her Death had been examined by six
of his neighbours and Doctor Thomas A Hodge who
declared that her Death could not have been occasioned
by the said whipping having no external wound or
appearance that could possibly justify such a belief and
whereas a number of respectable persons inhabitants of
Prince Georges County have prayed that a Noli Prosequi
might be granted I have therefore thought proper as well
on that account as by reason of the great respectability of
the said James Belt senior and his Family to order and
direct that all Proceedings at Law against the said James
Belt senior do cease and determine and that no further
prosecution be had or carried on ^{by} ~~on~~ ^{him} or concerning the same
Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland
this fifth Day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand
Eight hundred and Six

By the Governor

Minian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robt Bowie

To the Prosecutor of Prince Georges County
