

The State of Maryland To wit Whereas Robert Stevens of
Queen Anne County has been indicted in Queen
Anne County Court at September term eighteen Hundred and
for manslaughter in killing a negre man slave called Saul the pro-
perty of Joseph Cooke by a single stroke and striking wounds
have been done with a light stick and obviously without any
design to have occasioned his death and Whereas two of the
Judges and most of the Grand Jury, the Proprietor of the negre
and a member of the most respectable of the Inhabitants of
Queen Anne County have prayed a Noli Prosequi in the case
and the said Robert Stevens being well known to me as a
good Citizen of amiable Character. I have therefore thought
proper to order and direct that all Proceedings at Law against
the said Robert Stevens do cease and determine and that no
further prosecution be had or carried on against him for or
on account of the said offence. Given under my hand
and the seal of the state of Maryland, this Twenty
fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand
eight Hundred and Seven.

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Wright

To the Prosecutor of Queen Anne County

The State of Maryland to wit whereas James Cooke
of Baltimore County has been charged and committed to the
Gaol of the said County on a charge of stealing several things
the property of Christopher Johnston, Paul Bontatour Junr
J Bedford and others, and whereas the said Christopher Johnston