

had or carried on against him for or on account of the same
given under my hand, and the seal of the state of
Maryland, this Twenty second day of February, eighteen
Hundred and Eight.

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Wright

Gentleman

Council Chamber Annapolis Maryland

I received your communications with the memorial
the case of Baptist Irvine, together with the documents contain-
ing the Depositions and proceedings of the Criminal Court of
Baltimore County - and their sentence of Imprisonment of said
Baptist Irvine for thirty days -

The conviction of Tomlin by a jury of his County may
be considered as perfect evidence of his guilt, and any witnesses
against him who might have sworn falsely, were liable to have
been contradicted by other witnesses on the trial, and all their Testi-
mony weighed by the Jury - and if guilty of perjury are yet liable
to be indicted and punished -

The Petit Jury are the legitimate and constitution-
al organ of guilt or Innocence, and for corruption in giving
their verdict are themselves liable to punishment on con-
viction. Thus are suitors guarded constitutionally against the
perjury of witnesses and the corruption of Jurors -

By the common Law of England which the constitution of
Maryland has declared a part of the Law of the Land, Courts
of Justice have authority to punish contempts, by attach-
ments and any interruption to the fair and impartial ad-
ministration of Justice is a contempt of the Court. to publish
anything pending a trial in any manner to influence the decision
of the Court or Jury in the case is certainly a contempt of the
and a violation of a great constitutional security, that of