

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Washington County
Granting. Whereas Thomas Burk late of Frederick County
yeomen hath been indicted arraigned and found guilty of
committing a Rape on the Body of Catharine Maria Braun an Infant
under the age of twelve years and by the Judges of Washington County
Court on the fourth Monday in March in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight Hundred and nine was sentenced
to be hanged by the neck until he be dead - These are therefore
to will and require as also to charge and command you
that on or before twelve of the Clock on Friday the Twenty
eighth day of July eighteen hundred and nine you take
the said Thomas Burk from your prison and him safely
convey to the Gallows in the County aforesaid the common
place of execution of Malefactors and there the said Thomas
Burk hang by the neck on the said Gallows until he be
dead for all which this shall be your sufficient power
and authority - Given under my hand and the Seal of the
State of Maryland this tenth day of July eighteen
Hundred and nine

By the Governor
Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Edw^d Lloyd

By his Excellency Edward Lloyd Esquire Governor of Maryland
A Proclamation

Whereas it has been officially represented to me, that
a certain Thomas Burke who has lately been sentenced
by the Judges of Washington County Court to suffer death
for a Rape committed on the body of Catharine Maria Braun
an infant under the age of ^{twelve years} made his escape from Washington County
gaol on the evening of the fourth of July instant: and
whereas it is obviously the duty of the Executive, in the
execution of the Law, to endeavour to bring all malefactors
to Justice, I have therefore thought proper to issue this
my Proclamation, and do, by and with the advice
and consent of the Council, offer Three Hundred
Dollars reward to any person or persons who shall
discover and bring to justice the said Thomas Burke