

so that no benefit or advantage shall arise to the said
John Lawson from the same or any part thereof -
Given under my hand and the seal of the State
of Maryland this seventh day of August eighteen
Hundred and nine

By the Governor

Wentan Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Edward Lloyd

By his Excellency Edward Lloyd Esquire Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas it has been represented to me by the memorial
of James Claypoole, Tanner and carrier, of Chester Town,
in Kent County, that his Bark Mill house was, about
five o'clock in the morning of Monday the fourth
Instant, destroyed by fire, and that he has reason to
suspect, that some malicious person or persons wilfully
set fire to the same: and whereas it is of the greatest
importance to society, that the perpetrators of such a
crime should be discovered and brought to justice;
I have therefore thought proper to issue this Proclamation
and do, by and with the advice and consent of the Council,
offer a reward of two Hundred Dollars, to whoever
will discover the author or perpetrator of the said crime,
provided - he she or they, or any of them, be convicted
thereof; and moreover, I do, by virtue of the authority
and powers vested in me, hereby promise a full and
free pardon to any person being an accomplice, who shall
discover the perpetrator or perpetrators of the said offence,
on the aforesaid condition. Given at Annapolis, under the
seal of the State of Maryland, this twenty second day of
September in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight
Hundred and nine, and of the independence of the United
States of America, the thirty fourth

By the Governor

Wentan Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Edward Lloyd

Ordered, that the foregoing proclamation be published two