

Eighteen Hundred and Eleven

By the Governor

Edward Lloyd

Minian Pinkney  
Clerk of the Council

To the Prosecutor for Baltimore County

The State of Maryland to wit - Whereas Charles Hest  
Ridgeley of the City of Baltimore has stated to me that he  
was called on by Samuel Wight also of the City of Baltimore  
to act as his friend in a dispute with Richard Carroll and  
that he used every means he considered consistent with his  
honour to effect an accommodation when the challenge by  
Mr Carroll was given (that being his first knowledge of the  
dispute) but finding all his endeavours ineffectual he  
did attend as Mr Wights second - that their shots took  
place by the last of which Mr Wight fell, and during each  
interval he renewed his exertions with all the energy he con-  
sidered consistent with propriety to put a stop to the contest,  
but in vain and hoping these circumstances might mitigate  
his offence has prayed the interposition of Government  
in his behalf - Feeling satisfied that Mr Ridgeley's own feelings  
are severely wounded by this melancholy and deplorable  
event, that every circumstance that can attenuate actions  
of this nature may be adduced in his favour and in consi-  
deration of the concurrent testimony of several respectable  
Gentlemen of Baltimore to confirm the belief of his having  
acted as a man of feeling and humanity, I have therefore  
thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at  
law against him 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 third day of April Eigh-  
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