

By his Excellency Robert Bowie Esq. Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, and the Attorney General of the State of Maryland, that an atrocious Murder hath been committed on the person of a certain Vincent Le Hermitte late of the City of Baltimore, (Barber) by some unknown hand; and praying the interposition of Government, and whereas the quiet and security of the state depend on the vigilance of the constituted Authorities, in causing the laws against such enormities, to be duly executed. — I have therefore thought proper to give this my Proclamation, and do, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, hereby offer a reward of two Hundred Dollars, to whoever will discover the author or perpetrator of the said Murder; provided he, she 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 aforesaid Murder on the said condition. Given in Council, at the City of Annapolis, under the seal of the State of Maryland, this thirty first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight Hundred and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the thirty sixth

By the Governor

Merian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Robert Bowie

The State of Maryland to wit Whereas William Askew has been indicted in the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol delivery for Baltimore County for stealing one pair of stockings of the value of one dollar and one cravat of the value of fifty cents of the goods and chattels of Hicks — and whereas it has been represented to me that the said William Askew has hitherto supported a fair and honest character and that he is of a respectable family and have together with the said John Hicks prayed that I would grant a writ of Habeas Corpus to said William Askew that he might be discharged from the custody of the