

The State of Maryland to wit. Whereas Negro Scipio Slave of Henry Ashton of Saint Marys County has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Saint Marys County with breaking open on the seventh of December last the Granary or Barn of Jeremiah Panty and stealing therefrom about six Bushels of Wheat. And whereas it has been stated to me by the Honourable Daniel Clark Associate Judge of Saint Marys County (and that the said Scipio was drawn into the said offence by some free negroes of the Neighbourhood - that he became sensible of the error of his conduct and was voluntarily a witness against them, that from the Testimony of the said Scipio one of the free negroes was convicted and sentenced by the Court to the Penitentiary, under the charge of Theft. and whereas it further appears from the representation of James Cooke a Justice of the Peace of the said County that corporal Punishment has been inflicted on the said Scipio by the Order of the said Cooke, and the said Associate Judge having recommended the granting of a Nolle Prosequi to the said Scipio I have thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at Law against the said Negro Scipio 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 Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirteen

By the Governor
Benjamin Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Levin Winder

The State of Maryland to wit. Whereas William Pearce of Anne Arundel County has been presented by the Grand Inquest