

from whom the wheat was stolen, together with a number of respectable citizens of Somerset County, have recommended the said William Willing, to me as a fit object for the interposition of Government. I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said William Willing for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that he be released from the punishment to which he hath been adjudged.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland this twenty fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

By the Governor

Levin Winder

Abner Pinkney

Clerk of the Council

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The State of Maryland to wit, Whereas, negro Mark, Slave of Doctor Thomas Marshall of Charles County, has been presented at the Court of the said County for striking, in the year eighteen and thirteen, Samuel Wimsatt a white man, Overseer to the said Doctor Thomas Marshall, and whereas it has been represented to me by John Campbell, John B. Hanson, Thomas M. Fowler, P. Fendall, the said Samuel Wimsatt and other respectable characters of the said County, that have known the said Negro Mark for many years and do not believe that there is in the State of Maryland, a slave more submissive and humble, that until the said affair between him and Samuel Wimsatt, never heard the slightest complaint against him for disobedience to his ~~his~~ overseer, or insolence of any kind to white persons, and have together with Thomas Marshall, recommended the said negro Mark to me as a fit object for the interposition of Government I have therefore thought proper to pardon the said negro Mark for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that all proceedings at law against the said Negro Mark do cease and determine and that no further pro