

guilty of the same. And whereas the said Samuel Hollingsworth has stated to me that the said Negro Benedict has acted as his coachman for ten or twelve years past during which period he conducted himself as a faithful honest and sober servant and that the said Benedict was convicted on circumstantial evidence alone and that too of a nature so slight as to have excited such doubts in the minds of the Jury by whom he was tried as to have detained them in their Chamber four or five hours before they decided on their verdict. And whereas the said Samuel Hollingsworth and a number of respectable persons have recommended the said Benedict to me as a fit object for the interposition of Government I have therefore thought proper to ~~order~~ pardon the said Benedict for the offence aforesaid and do hereby order and direct that all proceedings at law against the said Benedict for or on account of the said offence do cease and determine and that no further prosecution be had or carried on against him for or on account of the same offence Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen

By the Governor

Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

C. Ridgely of Hampton

The State of Maryland to wit, whereas a certain Anest Bailey of Washington County having been presented in the County Court of the said County at March Term eighteen hundred and fifteen for selling up a Parcel