

time for or on account of the same. Given under my hand and
the Seal of the State of Maryland this twenty fifth day of
February in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred
and seventeen

By the Governor

Ninian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

C Ridgely of Hampton

The Prosecutor for Harford County

(By His Excellency Charles Ridgely of Hampton, Governor of Maryland)
A Proclamation

Whereas it appears by deposition of Joseph Sprigg esquire of Washing-
ton County, that about three o'clock in the morning of the fifteenth
Ultimo, a fire broke out in his stable which entirely consumed it,
and that he has strong reason to believe it had been set on fire
by some evil disposed person or persons. And whereas it is of the
greatest importance to society that the perpetrator or perpetrators
of such a crime should be brought to condign punishment. I
have therefore thought proper to issue this my Proclamation,
and do by and with the advice and consent of the Council,
offer a reward of two hundred Dollars, to any person who
shall discover and make known the author or perpetrators
of said offence, provided he she or ~~they~~ or any of them be brought
to justice. Given in Council at the City of Annapolis under
hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this thirteenth
day of January eighteen hundred and seventeen

By His Excellency's Command

Ninian Pinkney

C Ridgely of Hampton