

being commanded to take the body of the said John Porter if he be found in you  
and him safe keep so that you have him ready to be delivered up to the said Henry Stig-  
dwin to be removed to the said State of Delaware there to answer the charges exhibited  
against him and how you shall execute this writ you shall notify me with all con-  
venient dispatch. Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Maryland this  
twenty first day of May eighteen hundred and seventeen

By the Governor

C. Ridgely of Hampton

Minian Pinkney

Clerk of the Council

Monday June the 9<sup>th</sup> 1817

The Council met. Present the honourable William Potter, Henry H. Chapman  
and James Shaw.

Matthew Prance was appointed a Judge of the Orphans Court for Cecil County in  
the place of Charles Beaton resigned and commission issued to John Stump, Levi Sizer  
and Matthew Prance as Justices of the Orphans Court for Cecil County.

Whereas it is provided by the 36<sup>th</sup> section of the Constitution and Form of Government  
that the Council have power to make the Great Seal of this state which shall be kept  
by the Chancellor and affixed to all laws commissions grants and other Testimonials  
as has been heretofore practised in this state and whereas under and in virtue of the  
said power the Board have lately caused to be made of Steel a Great Seal with out-  
set devices and with the words Seal of the State of Maryland to be inscribed thereon  
and that the same and more other thereafter be kept taken and considered in all  
respects and to every intent purpose as the Great Seal of the State of Maryland  
Ordered that the Chancellor be requested to deliver to his Excellency the Governor