

Maryland Penitentiary for 18 years: and whereas, the said John Clark has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor of Maryland by a number of persons familiar with his case; and whereas he has been in the Penitentiary for more than six years, and recommended by the Chaplain and Directors of the Penitentiary as a reformed and pious man;

Now therefore, I, Francis Thomas, Governor of Maryland, have thought proper to pardon the said John Clark and I do hereby direct that he be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offence, and grant him a pardon therefor.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two.

(Seal)

By the Governor  
Jno. C. Delagrave  
Secretary of State

Francis Thomas

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Granted a stolle Prosequi to Murray Shilling of Carroll County, who was presented at the September term of Carroll County Court, 1840, by the Grand Jury of that County for having committed an assault with intent to murder one Solomon Woolley. Said stolle Prosequi be in the following words, To wit:

"State of Maryland - To wit:

Whereas a certain Murray Shilling late of Carroll County stands charged by presentment of the Grand Jury of the said County at September term 1840 with an assault on Solomon Woolley with an intent to murder; and whereas, the said Murray Shilling has been recommended to Executive clemency by some of the jurors finding said presentment, and by others.

Now therefore, I, Francis Thomas, Governor of <sup>the State of</sup> Maryland, do hereby grant a stolle Prosequi to the said Murray Shilling on account of the aforesaid offence, upon payment of the costs accrued upon said presentment and order and direct that all further proceedings against him on the presentment aforesaid, do cease and determine, upon payment of the costs aforesaid, and that no further prosecution be had or carried on against him for or on account of said offence.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this

(Seal)

twenty fourth day of March eighteen hundred and forty two and of the independ-

ence of the United States the fifty seventh.

By the Governor  
Jno. C. Delagrave  
Secretary of State.

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Francis Thomas

Granted a pardon to a colored man of the name of William Williams who was convicted on indictment in Howard District Court of circulating a book or pamphlet of an inflammatory character. Said Pardon being in the following words:

"State of Maryland; - To wit: Whereas, a certain William