

Williams was convicted on indictment in Howard District Court at March term, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two of circulating a book or pamphlet of an inflammatory character and sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary for two years and two months: And whereas, the said William Williams has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor by the jurors who tried the case and others.

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

Seal

By the Governor  
J. M. Selgrand  
Secretary of State.

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

Francis Thomas  
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April 9<sup>th</sup>

This day made a requisition on the Hon: William Branch for a certain George Wotton a free man of Colour, who is supposed to be in the District of Columbia, who is charged by indictment in Prince George County with the murder of a certain John S. Ireland, said Wotton being a fugitive from justice; the requisition being in these words:

" State of Maryland, - To Wit:

Francis Thomas Governor of the State of Maryland, To the Hon: William Branch, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

It appears by the annexed papers, duly authenticated according to the laws of this state, that George Wotton a free man of Colour stands charged by an indictment of the Grand Jury of Prince George County Court, in this state, for the murder of one John S. Ireland, a citizen of Maryland, and it has been represented to me that he has fled from the justice of this state, and has taken refuge within the District of Columbia.

Now therefore, Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States in such case made and provided, I do hereby request that the said George Wotton to be apprehended and delivered to Thomas Beadlow who is hereby authorized to receive and convey him to the State of Maryland, there to be dealt with according to law.

Seal

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my name and the Great Seal of the State, this ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & forty two

Francis Thomas  
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