

"State of Maryland, - To Wit

Whereas a certain George Wotton (negro) was convicted on indictment at a Special Court for Anne Arundel County in June last of Murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be hanged; and whereas the Jurors who rendered the verdict in his case have unanimously recommended to the Governor a commutation of his punishment, and one of the presiding Judges at the trial having informed the Governor that in his opinion, "the proof was not sufficient to satisfy him, and if he had been required to give an opinion should have said that it was made in the second degree":

Now therefore, I, Francis Thomas, Governor of the State of Maryland, have thought fit to commute the said sentence and in lieu thereof, I do hereby direct the said George Wotton (negro) be confined in the Penitentiary of eighteen years, and that one twelfth of his confinement be solitary, upon low and coarse diet.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this twenty ninth day of July in the year of Our Lords eighteen hundred and forty two, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty seventh.

Francis Thomas

By the Governor

W. C. Schrank
Secretary of State

29th July 1842

This day pardoned Josiah Eagleston, ^{who} was convicted at May term 1838, of Anne Arundel County Court, of Murder in the second degree, he having been recommended to Executive Clemency by the Directors of the Penitentiary, and by others.

30th July 1842

This day pardoned Montworth Saunders convicted in Baltimore City Court at October term 1839 of stealing one bay Sledging and sentenced to 18 years confinement in the Penitentiary.

30th July 1842

This day pardoned William Hamilton, (negro) who was convicted in Allegany County Court at April term 1841 of larceny and sentenced to three years confinement in the Penitentiary.

7th Sept 1842.

This day made a demand on the Governor of Pennsylvania for the apprehension of a certain free Negro called Thomas Coats; the requisition being in these words:

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I, Francis Thomas, Governor of the State of Maryland,
To His Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania.

It appears by the annexed papers, duly authenticated according to the law of this state, that a certain free Negro called Thomas Coats was concerned and did aid and assist a negro woman named Charlotte and her two children to escape from the service of their owner, said Charlotte and two children being slaves for life; and that the said Thomas Coats was arrested, but escaped from