

Nov 17th 1842

It appearing to the Governor to be the wish of a large portion of the people, that a day should be designated by him as one of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the blessings bestowed by him upon the people; the following proclamation was issued:

"State of Maryland & To Wit:

Believing, that it is the wish of a large portion of the people of Maryland, that, on one and the same day, all the people of this state should, return thanks to the Author of all being for the blessings which He has munificently bestowed upon them as a people; and believing that the appointment of a day for such a purpose by their Chief Magistrate would be cheerfully acquiesced in:

Now therefore, I, Francis Thomas, Governor of Maryland, do most respectfully recommend, that on Wednesday, the 14th day of December next ensuing, the people of Maryland abstain from all secular employment, and publicly engage in thanksgiving, praise and prayer to the Almighty, because of the manifold blessings enjoyed by them under Divine protection.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my name, and the Great Seal of the State, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand

(Seal)

Eight hundred and forty two, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty seventh

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

Francis Thomas
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Nov 19th 1842

This day remitted the fines of twenty dollars each (two cases), which were imposed upon William Jackson, by Baltimore County Court for having sold merchandise and liquor without license, the same having been recommended by Baltimore County Court and many citizens of Baltimore County, all of whom represent him to be in a most distressed condition.

Nov 29th 1842

This day granted a Writ of Habeas Corpus in favor of John C. Forwood of Stafford County, the same being in these words:

"State of Maryland & To Wit:

Whereas a certain John C. Forwood, late of Stafford County stands charged on warrant of a magistrate of Stafford County, with having burned the barns of Jonathan Warner and Jacob Forwood of Stafford County; and whereas, the said John C. Forwood has been recommended to Executive clemency by Jonathan Warner and Jacob Forwood, whose barns were burned, and by numerous other citizens of Stafford County who represent that he has been labouring for some time past, under a derangement of his intellect, and whilst so labouring is supposed to have committed the offence with which he stands charged, and further, that from the peculiar character of alienation under which he labours, that they are of opinion, if separated from the objects which affected his mind, that he might recover.

Now therefore, I, Francis Thomas, Governor of the State of Maryland,