

said slaves are willing to remain in servitude and to be obedient to their masters.

Now, therefore, I, Francis Thomas Governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby grant a *Nolle Prosequi* to the said negroes, Nathan and Thomas, on account of the aforesaid offence, upon payment of the costs accrued upon said indictments, and other proceedings if any, and order and direct that all further proceedings against them on the indictment aforesaid, do cease and determine, upon payment of the costs aforesaid, and that no further prosecution be had or carried on against them for or on account of said offence.

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

(Seal) first day of January eighteen hundred and forty four and of the independence of the United States, the sixty eighth

By the Governor

J. V. C. Sefton

Secretary of State.

January 3rd 1844

This day the Governor made the nomination of civil officers for Montgomery County

January 5th 1844

This day the Governor made the nomination of civil officers for Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

January 9th 1844

The Governor to day made the nominations for civil officers for Calvert County, and submit for the approbation of the Senate, the nominations made during the recess of the Senate.

January 9th 1844

The Governor to day nominated Walter Mitchell to be clerk of Charles County Court vice Pearce deceased.

January 9th 1844

The following letter was received from Captain John A. Webster.

New York, 30th Dec, 1841

To His Excellency Francis Thomas:-

Sir:- Having been absent from port since the date of your letter of the 12th instant, which I have just received, notifying me of a reward voted by the state of Maryland, and that you had forwarded it to the care of the collector of the port of Baltimore for my reception.

Permit me, Sir, to offer up my thanks for the kind remarks you make in thus making me acquainted with the gift and laurel, that no man could avoid feeling the highest sensations of gratitude for a reward bestowed on him, from the source it comes from, my native State.

Truly, I cannot for a moment suppose I am worthy of so great a reward, were supposing I could have merited it, but at the same time feeling conscious of having done my duty in many perilous battles during the late war with Great Britain.

I feel proud to accept of so honourable a testimonial from my native