

Sealed

The State of Maryland, on this twenty second day of October,  
in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one  
By the Governor:

Thos. H. O'Neal, Secretary of State

E. Louis Lowe

October 24<sup>th</sup> 1851.

The Governor this day issued the following Proclamation.

State of Maryland: To wit:

Whereas, it has been the practice of all Christian People to set apart days for Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, as a National testimony to the goodness and mercy of Divine Providence; and whereas, it is the special duty of those who have enjoyed His largest bounty, to manifest their gratitude and sense of dependence; and whereas, the People of this State have been in a most signal manner, enriched with every temporal blessing, which the heart of man can desire; and whereas, also, in view of the unexampled happiness and prosperity, for so long a time enjoyed by the whole American Confederacy of States, under the wise and liberal form of Government bequeathed to them by a common Ancestry, it has been deemed appropriate, by the Governors of the several States, to set apart Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November next, as a day of simultaneous thanksgiving for past benefits, and of prayer for the bountiful continuance of the same, throughout the Union.

Now therefore, I, Enoch Louis Lowe, Governor of the State of Maryland, do designate and set apart Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be kept and observed by the good people of the State of Maryland; - whom I earnestly exhort on that day carefully to abstain from all secular employments, and to devote themselves to such religious services and exercises as are appropriate to a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this twenty fourth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty one.  
By the Governor:

Thos. H. O'Neal,  
Secretary of State.

E. Louis Lowe

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1851.

The Governor this day ordered a notice to be inserted in the "Argus," that the case of George Long, negro boy, who was convicted at the May term, 1851, of Baltimore City Court, of Murdering John Plumpf, and for whom application has been made for a commutation of the sentence of death to confinement, in the Penitentiary, for life. The case to be taken up for final decision, on, or after Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November next.

October 30<sup>th</sup> 1851

This day the Governor ordered and issued notice that application has been made for the pardon of John Henry Weeks, who was convicted of the crime of Arson, in Baltimore City Court, at the February term 1843, and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary for the period of fourteen years. The case to be taken up for final decision, on or after Saturday the 22<sup>d</sup> of November next.