

December 18<sup>th</sup> 1851

✓ The Governor this day, upon the recommendation of the Jury in the case, the certificate of the Honorable Judge Nisbet and Deputy Attorney General May, and being also moved by the consideration of the tender of the convict, granted a pardon to George Long, (Negro boy,) who was convicted on indictment in Baltimore City Court at May term, 1851, of the crime of Murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be hanged by the neck until he be dead, upon the condition however, that he be confined in the Penitentiary for and during his natural life.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1851

The Governor this day received and filed two copy bonds, given by Isaac Maughon & others to the Treasurer of Maryland, one of which is for the faithful application of money in making a Turn Pike road from Westminster in Carroll County, through Taney Town and through Emmittsburg in Frederick County, and the other that they shall faithfully cause the money, to be raised, to be applied to the object intended.

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The Governor appointed and Commissioned Levin D. Collier, Inspector of Lumber and Corder of Fire wood, for Salisbury and Toney Park Landing and Vicinities in Somerset County.

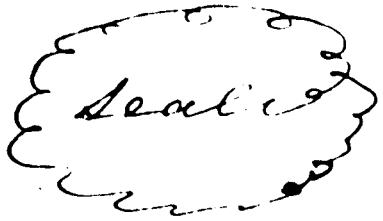
December 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Governor this day issued the following Proclamation.  
State of Maryland, to wit:

Whereas it has been represented to me, that a deliberate and premeditated Murder was committed on Saturday evening last, the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, in Talbot County, in this State; on the body of a free Negro Man, named John Rankin, by a certain Theodore R. Cockerman; and Whereas the said Theodore R. Cockerman has eluded the vigilance of the officers of the State, and is continuing to do so; and has fled from its justice and is supposed to have taken refuge in some other State; and it is of the first importance that he should be arrested and made to suffer the punishment for his heinous offence:

Now, therefore, I, Enoch Louis Lowe, Governor of the State of Maryland, do by this, my Proclamation, offer a reward, from the date hereof, of Two Hundred Dollars, for his apprehension and safe delivery to the Sheriff of Talbot County, if taken within this State, and Three hundred dollars, if taken out of this State, and secured until brought on by a requisition.

The said Cockerman is a White Man, about twenty four years of age, not exceeding five feet seven or eight inches in height, slightly but compactly built, and neat in his appearance.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, on this twenty fourth day of December, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty one.  
By the Governor.

Thos. H. O'Neal  
Secretary of State.

E. Louis Lowe