

trial in the first instance and the subsequent conviction and judgment of the Court, upwards of nine months.

The application of this, upon for a reprieve from that part of the sentence of the Court, which respects his standing in the Pilory, has been seconded by the Prosecutor, and a number of respectable people in Baltimore who have recommended him as an object of compassion.

We do not consider that we have any constitutional power to interfere in cases of this nature but as the Governor is absent from the State, and the judgment of the Court will have taken full effect before his return, we cannot, in pity to this unhappy Man and his relatives, refrain from requesting that you will not proceed to execute that part of the sentence, which directs that he shall be put in the Pilory, and we make this request under the fullest conviction, that his Excellency had he an opportunity of acting in the case, would remit this part of the sentence, and that he will at all events sanction whatever shall be done by you pursuant to our advice. We are &c.

James Wilson Esquire
Sheriff of
Baltimore County

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Annapolis In Council May the 22 1801

Sir

The time being expired in which you were directed to make the Return of the Election of a member of Congress for the eighth District, we have been obliged to send an Express to you for it that we may be enabled to give the notice required of us - you will therefore send your Return by the bearer immediately. We are &c.

John Wilkins Esquire
Sheriff of
Somerset County

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