

loaded with shot which entered & passed through the base of the skull & lodged in the brain.

The House will find upon an examination of the petitions and letters recently submitted, that upon the fact becoming known in the County that the subject had been brought to the attention of the Grand Jury and an indictment found, he was pardoned by the most respectable citizens of the County many of them living in the immediate vicinity of the County where the accident occurred together with the Mother of the unfortunate youth whose life had been taken by the said occurrence, the President, Faculty & almost the whole body of the Students of the College, joined in an earnest remonstrance against any further legal proceedings in the matter, and recommended in the strongest terms Executive Clemency in behalf of the accused.

It will also be perceived that the Judge of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, together with the State Attorney for that County, sometime after the said occurrence & when all the circumstances were well known & had been fully considered, recommended in decided language that a Writ Habeas Corpus be granted.

These recommendations accompanied by letters from other gentlemen of great respectability & merit, and personally acquainted with the mild & inoffensive character of the party indicted, stating that the arrangement & trial of Heman in the State of Maryland in which he then was would probably result in the mental derangement of a youth in their opinion entirely innocent of any Criminal intent determined me to exercise the power vested in the Executive for such cases and to dismiss all further proceedings.

It is further stated that I should also state that the notice of the application for a Writ Habeas Corpus was published as required by the Constitution in one of the papers published at Westminster in Carroll County and that the Department has not to this day received any objection or protest either verbal or written against granting a Writ Habeas Corpus as proposed.
E. Watkins Lyon

Senate Chamber Jan. 31st 1836

Dear Sir:

The Committee of Elections in the Senate have under consideration the qualification of the Members elected at the last general election & beg leave to request of you the Official Returns of the Clerks of the different Counties, and also to send Members. Your Excellency will also please inform the Committee whether a Warrant of Election was issued by you to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Henry S. Rawlings late Senator from Caroline County as prescribed by the third Article and twenty fourth Section of the Constitution of the State.

Yours Excellency,
E. Watkins Lyon
Governor of Maryland.

As only response will be made
Yours Truly &c
Geo. Wallace, Chairman