

J. W. Williams

State of Maryland, Co. Pit.

Whereas a certain John W. Williams was convicted on indictment in the late Baltimore City Court at its September Term in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine of Murder in the 2^d Degree and sentenced to Confinement in the Penitentiary until the 1st day of April 1860.

And Whereas the said John W. Williams has been recommended in the clemency of the Governor by fourteen of the Grand Jury and five of the Special Council, as also by Hon. David Sewall, C. W. Wilson, W. McEarr, Geo. H. Smith, and a very large number of Citizens of Baltimore, upon the ground of his previous good character the length of time he has already served and his uniformly exemplary conduct while an inmate of the Penitentiary.

Pardon

Now therefore I, Thomas Watkins Esq. Governor of the State of Maryland have thought proper to pardon the said John W. Williams and I do hereby direct that he be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offence and grant him pardon therefor.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 23^d day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.
By the Governor
Nathaniel Wood
Secretary of State

T. Watkins Esq.

Phoebe Myers
free negro

State of Maryland, Co. Pit.

Whereas a certain Phoebe Myers free Negroess was convicted on seven several indictments in the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County at the November Term in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five of harboring and assisting to run away certain slaves of R. B. Sumichael and sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary for the term of six years and six months on first indictment & for the term of six years on each of the six remaining indictments making an aggregate of forty two years and six months from 15th December 1855.

And Whereas the said Phoebe Myers free Negroess has been recommended to the clemency of the Governor by Hon. W. B. Keppeler, Geo. F. Chambers Esq. R. B. Sumichael the owner of the slaves, George Sickers, Simon Cook, C. B. Keppeler jr., John Mc Robinson, Madison Brown, Thomas G. Keatinge Esquires, & other citizens of Queen Anne's County.

Now therefore I, Thomas Watkins Esq. Governor of the State of Maryland have thought proper to pardon the said Phoebe Myers free Negroess and I do hereby direct that she be immediately released from imprisonment on account of said offences and grant her pardon therefor.

L. S.

Given under my hand & the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 6th day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.
By the Governor
Gashwell
Acting Secretary of State

T. Watkins Esq.

Pardon