

be the undersigned Members of the  
Petit Jury of the Circuit Court for Saint  
Mary's County at the November Term  
of said Court for 1860 respectfully  
represent to your Excellency that  
at the said Term of Court a  
Certain Sarah Mc Mahon (a  
White woman) was convicted  
of the Crime of harbouring a  
Negro Slave and has been  
sentenced to the Penitentiary  
for the term of 6 years. We  
think there are many mitigating  
circumstances in her case  
particularly that of her ad-  
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well authorize the exercise of  
executive Clemency and there-  
fore respectfully request you  
to grant her a pardon

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To Mr. Excellency Thomas H. Hicks  
Governor of Maryland.

At the Month <sup>1860</sup> of St. Mary's  
County Court built, I saw  
the Mahon was committed  
to the County a runaway slave  
belonging to the undersigned.  
In consideration of the case  
I ask you Excellency to pardon  
him.

Very respectfully  
Yours  
Lena <sup>son</sup>  
November 24<sup>th</sup>  
1860 Peter M. Cain

As special judge tryer of the  
above case; in consideration of  
all the circumstances attending it,  
and the entire disproportion of the  
punishment to the crime proved,  
I entirely concur in the above  
recommendation of Judge Crain.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

R. Ford

I fully concur in the above recommenda-  
-tion

J. S. Dowd  
States Attorney  
for St. Mary's Co.



1860

Return for Pearson  
of Sarah W. Mahan

J. E. Mang & Co.

Contract 11 Dec for

22 Dec

Return printed

22 Dec, 1860

W. J. Weeks

To The Honble J. G. Hicks  
Gov of Maryland

We the undersigned Citizens of  
St. Marys County represent  
to your Honor that Sarah  
McMahon was convicted  
at the November Term 1860  
of the Circuit Court for St. Marys  
County of harboring a Negro  
Woman. She has been sentenced  
to the Penitentiary for the term  
of Six years. We think there is  
great hardship in this case  
and although the rigor of the  
Law may have required her  
conviction yet we think there  
are many Mitigating Circum-  
stances in her case which would  
authorize the exercise of  
Executive Clemency. We therefore  
pray your Excellency to Pardon  
the said Sarah McMahon

J. T. Breen  
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Joseph Morgan  
John Purdie  
Richardson  
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Clem Mathen  
Jonathan G. Barber  
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W. H. Biscoe  
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C. J. Morgan  
Randolph Jones  
Dan Morgan  
M. H. Morgan  
W. H. Morgan

The Alameda

Robt Small  
James Cooke  
G. F. Yates  
John F. Dent  
G. Spalding  
Geo. Brent  
William C. Reid  
C. J. Morgan  
L. V. Oliver  
J. H. Morgan  
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C. B. Williams  
James T. Blakelock

J. H. Moore  
Christ Dorsey  
W. H. Morgan  
Thomas Loken  
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Benj G. Harris  
John H. Key  
G. H. Morgan  
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States Attorney  
for et Maris Co

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George Goddard



Saint Marys County Court

At a Circuit Court of the State of Maryland, for the first Judicial Circuit begun and held at Leonard Town, in and for Saint Marys County aforesaid, on the third Monday of November, being the nineteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and in the eighty fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Present the Hon. Peter W. Crain Judge  
Thompson Yates Esq. Sheriff James V. Blakstone Ct.

In the record of proceedings of the said Court among others were the following to wit

State of Maryland, vs Sarah McMahon } ~~at a Circuit Court~~ begun

and held at Leonard Town

in and for Saint Marys County aforesaid on the third Monday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, for the trial of felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors committed in said County, Henry G. Garner, Walter R. Langley, Joseph W. Jones, William V. Yates, A. W. Brooke Joseph Abell, Robert Ford, William Watts, Wick Tappett, Joseph Forrest, James C. Melburn Francis J. Stone, Francis C. Seale, Daniel S. Washington, James F. Abell, Charles Thompson John F. Yates, Charles Medley, Neal Hubbard Francis Mattingly, Thomas J. Davis, James W. Knott, and William A. Fisk, good and lawful men of the County aforesaid, who being impeached sworn and charged, to enquire for the State of Maryland

Maryland for the body of Saint Mary's County,  
having withdrawn from the bar of the Court  
here, afterward, return and present to the Court  
here, a Presentment in form following to wit,  
In the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's County  
March Term 1860

We the grand Inquest of the State of Maryland  
for the body of Saint Mary's County, on our  
Oaths, present Sarah McMahon for har-  
bouring Rose (a Coloured woman) Slave  
of Peter W Crain, on or about the twenty eighth  
day of December one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty nine,

Henry G Garun, Foreman,  
Whereupon the said State of Maryland, by  
James S Dorrons State's attorney, for Saint  
Mary's County, sued out of the Circuit Court  
here, the writ of the State of the State of Mary-  
land of Capias ad Respondendum against  
the said Sarah McMahon, directed to the  
Sheriff of Saint Mary's County in form following  
to wit,

Saint Mary's County Court,  
The State of Maryland to the Sheriff  
of Saint Mary's County Greeting, You are here-  
by Commanded to take into your Custody the  
body of Sarah McMahon, and have her before  
the Circuit Court here to be held on Tuesday the  
Twelfth day of June next, to answer a present-  
ment for harbouring Rose a Coloured woman  
belonging to Peter W Crain, on or about the twenty  
eighth day of December eighteen hundred and  
fifty nine. Hereof fail not at your peril,  
Witness the Hand Peter W Crain Judge of the Just Circuit  
Circuit this Twentieth day of March eighteen  
hundred



hundred and sixty

By order James T. Platterton  
Whereupon the State of Maryland by James S. Downs State attorney aforesaid, Exhibits to the grand Inquest now here empannelled, sworn and Charged to enquire &c. An Indictment against the said Sarah McMahon in form following to wit,

State of Maryland, Saint Mary's County to wit,  
The Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Saint Mary's County do on their Oaths present, that Sarah McMahon late of said County and State woman, on or about the twenty eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, did harbour, conceal or detain a Coloured woman named Rose, a Slave to Peter W. Crain of Charles County in the State aforesaid, to the great damage of him the said Peter W. Crain, and against the form of the acts of assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace Government and dignity of the State,  
James S. Downs

State atty for St. Mary's County  
Whereupon the said Grand inquest having retired from the bar of the Court here, to enquire of and concerning said Indictment aforesaid, return the said Indictment to the Court here thereon endorsed to wit,

A true Bill, Henry G. Garner, Foreman  
At which said Tuesday, the twelfth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, Comes into the Court here the said James S. Downs State attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid

to wit J Thompson Yates, gentleman to whom the  
 said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid  
 directed, makes return thereof to the Court here  
 thus endorsed to wit, Cipe J Thompson Yates Sheriff.  
 And the said Sarah McMahon to the bar of the  
 Court here being brought, It is ordered by the Court  
 here that the said Sarah McMahon enter into  
 recognizance to the State of Maryland in the  
 sum of Two hundred dollars, with two securities  
 in the sum of One hundred dollars each for  
 the appearance of the said Sarah McMahon  
 before the Circuit Court for Saint Mary's County  
 to be held at Leonard Town on the third  
 Monday of November next, to answer  
 the felony aforesaid, and hereupon the  
 said Sarah McMahon acknowledges  
 herself to owe and stand justly indebted  
 unto the State of Maryland in the sum of  
 Two hundred dollars and John E Cooper  
 and Clement Thompson also present  
 here in Court, and who are by the Court here  
 deemed good and sufficient, in like manner  
 severally acknowledge themselves to owe and  
 stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland  
 in the sum of one hundred dollars each, which  
 said sums of money they and each of them acknowl-  
 edge shall be made and levied of their respective  
 goods, chattels, lands, and tenements, to and  
 for the use of the said State of Maryland  
 in case the said Sarah McMahon shall  
 not make her personal appearance before  
 the said Court from day to day to answer the  
 felony aforesaid, and shall not depart from  
 the said Court without leave, and there-  
 upon further process of and upon the premises  
 aforesaid



aforsaid against the said Sarah McMahon is continued until the third Monday of November next, and the recognizance aforsaid of the said Sarah McMahon and her sureties, entered into for securing the personal appearance and attendance of the said Sarah McMahon is respected by Order of the Court here until that day, which is given to the said Sarah McMahon then to appear and answer &c.

And now here at this day to wit. The third Monday of November being the nineteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty. Cometh the said Sarah McMahon, and being brought to the bar of the Court here in her own proper person, and having had hearing of the said Indictment, and forthwith being demanded concerning the premises in said indictment above specified and charged upon her, how she will acquit herself thereof, she saith she is not guilty thereof. and therefore for good or for evil submits herself to the <sup>Judgment of the</sup> Court, and the said James S Downs esquire States attorney aforsaid who for the said State of Maryland prosecuteth doth the like. And thereupon the Court assigns George C Morgan & Robert C Combs as Counsel for the Prisoner, — Whereupon Peter W Crain Judge refuses to sit in this case, — And thereupon George C Morgan and Robert C Combs Counsel for the prisoner and James S Downs States attorney aforsaid file in Court here the following agreement to wit,

State of Maryland } Indictment for harbouring  
 } Slave, in the Circuit Court  
 Sarah McMahon } for Saint Marys County  
 November Term 1860  
 Wc

It is agreed that Robert Ford shall sit as Special Judge  
in the above Case

Geo. C. Morgan &  
Robt C Combs  
Jrs Traveller  
James L Downs  
State's attorney

Whereupon Robert Ford appears in Court here  
and takes and subscribes the following  
Oath

Circuit Court for Saint Mary's County  
November Term 1860

State of Maryland } Indictment for Harboring  
                              } Rose Slave of Peter W Coan  
Sarah Memahon } of Charles County  
                              } & Robert Ford do swear

that I will try the above Case according to the  
best of my Skill and Judgment. So help me  
God  
Robert Ford

Whereupon all and singular the premises being  
seen heard and by the Court here fully understood  
for that it appears to the Court here that the said  
Sarah Memahon is guilty of the premises aforesaid  
in the Indictment aforesaid above charged and  
imposed on her, wherefore it is considered by  
the Court here, that the said Sarah Memahon  
do undergo a confinement in the penitentiary  
house situated in Baltimore County for the  
period of six years and five months, - And thereupon  
the said Sarah Memahon is committed to the  
Custody of the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County aforesaid,  
to be by him as soon as possible safely  
removed at the expense of the County aforesaid  
to the penitentiary aforesaid, there to be kept &c  
Saint



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