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Pardon

Thomas Jefferson, President of the U. States of America.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:-

83. Whereas it hath been made to appear to me that Negroe Charles, a Slave, the property of one Henry Nicholson of the town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, was lately convicted in the Circuit Court of the United States held for the County of Alexandria of a burglary by him committed in the dwelling house of one Thomas White situate in the said County; and thereupon judgment of death was rendered against him the said Negro Charles, by the said Circuit Court, as by the record thereof in the same Circuit Court remaining will more fully ~~[illegible]~~ appear. Now be it known, that for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, I Thomas Jefferson President of the United States of America, do pardon, remit & release to the said Negro Charles the judgment aforesaid; willing & requiring that all prosecutions and judicial proceedings for or on account thereof be forthwith stayed, and the Marshal for the said District his deputies & officers to discharge him the said Negro Charles out of Custody, provided that he be detained for no other cause, than what is above stated.

(L.S.) In Testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed & signed the same with my hand. Done at the City of Washington the 23d day of April A.D. 1805, and of the Independence of the U. States of America the Twenty ninth —

Th: Jefferson.

By the President

James Madison - Sec. of State.