

James Monroe;

President of the United States of America,

To John Nicholson, Marshal of the United States in and for the District of Louisiana, or his Deputy, Greeting.

Whereas, at a District Court of the United States in and for the District of Louisiana, being a District Court having cognizance of all crimes and offenses cognizable under the authority of the United States in a Circuit Court of the United States, begun and held at the City of New Orleans, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, Peter Morel, Charles Dickenson, Louis Pierre, Gervin Canchal, John McGee, Louis Philip, John Cousins, Ephraim Tompkins, Isaac Tillet, Thomas Thompson, Lawrence Ragas, Joseph Vallert, Juan Raymos, Julien Seddoner and William McClure, were convicted on an indictment for piracy; in pursuance of which said conviction, they, and each of them, were, by said court, sentenced to be hung by the neck, until they and each of them, should be dead on the twenty-fifth day of May next; and whereas divers good and sufficient reasons have been suggested for postponing the execution of the said sentence: Now therefore, I, James Monroe, President of the United States, in consideration of the principals, have respited, and do hereby respite, the execution of the sentence aforesaid, upon the said Peter Morel, Charles Dickenson, Louis Pierre, Gervin Canchal, John McGee, Louis Philip, John Cousins, Ephraim Tompkins, Isaac Tillet, Thomas Thompson, Lawrence Ragas, Joseph Vallert, Juan Raymos, Julien Seddoner and William McClure for two months from said twenty-fifth day of May next.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed to these presents. Given at the City of Washington, this third day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty; and of the Independence of the United States the forty-fourth.

James Monroe

By the President

John Quincy Adams
Secretary of State