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in the County of Jefferson in this Commonwealth,) have escaped from justice

and are now going at large; therefore I do hereby offer a Reward of
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and deliver him into the Jail of said
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Given under my hand as Governor, and under the Less Seal
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