

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*By His Excellency Caleb Strong*

*Esq. Governor of the said Commonwealth*

*Caleb Strong*

*A Proclamation*

*Whereas on the ninth day of Nov*

*November instant, at Wilbraham in the County of Hampshire, a horrid murder was committed on one Marcus Lyon who was there traveling on the highway and it is presumed that divers valuable articles were then and there feloniously taken from the said Lyon.*

*I do hereby, in behalf of the Commonwealth, offer a reward of five hundred Dollars to any person or persons who shall apprehend the murder or murderers, and prosecute him or them, until he or they shall be convicted of the said murder.*

*Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said Commonwealth this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & five and in the thirtieth year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

*By His Excellency's command,*

*John Avery Sect.*