

This Pet: was preserved & order upon itt made the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept: and ought to have been entred as the first thing done in Councill that day being here, by mistake.

Addresseth himself to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> and sheweth that your Pet<sup>r</sup> being accused and legally convicted and condemned to suffer death for the felonious stealing and taking away a Horse Bridle and Saddle before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Justices of the

Liber B.  
P. R. O.

Provinciall Court hath nothing in mitigation or extenuation of his crime to offer to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Butt humbly prostrates himself att your Feet for Grace and Mercy for a motive inducing you thereto only his own contrite and penitent spiritt for this and all other his miscarryes of his life past with a firm Resolution of amendment for the future (if your Hon<sup>rs</sup> shall put him in a capacity for soe doing) the poor distressed condition of his poor wife and your Pet<sup>rs</sup> tender yeares capable of doeing his Ldp and your Hon<sup>rs</sup> good service therefore humbly implores your Hon<sup>rs</sup> serious and compassionate consideration of his deplorable condition soe as to grant him the benefitt of his Ldps. most gracious pardon.

And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Pardon offered upon condition he be comon Hangman.

Ordered that James Douglas have a generall Pardon with the Provisoe that he shall be comon Hangman for this Province for the future, this Pardon to be kept private and secrett untill such time as the said Douglas shall be carryed to the place for execution and the rope putt about his neck att which time the said Pardon to be produced and not before. Order for the same issued as followeth.

Maryland ss./ By the Councill Sept: 15<sup>th</sup> 1686.

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Order for } Upon the humble Petition, acknowledgement and a pardon. } submission of James Douglas Itt is hereby ordered that he have his Lordsp<sup>s</sup> most gracious and free pardon upon condition that he shall for the future be the comon Hangman for this Province.

signed p order

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Secretaryes Jam. Heath Cl. Consil.  
or their Chief Clk. These.

Att a Councill held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept: An: 1686.

Present

The hon<sup>ble</sup> { Coll: Vincent Lowe  
Coll: Henry Darnall  
Coll. W<sup>m</sup> Digges  
Maj: Nich<sup>o</sup> Sewall  
M<sup>r</sup> Clement Hill.