

To his Excellency the Governor & the honourable Council Liber K.
The petition of Rob^t Carse late high Sheriff
of S^t Marys County

humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner in the month of Ianuary last being then Sheriff did by virtue of his Office seize and take in Execution a Negro Man of Madam Elizabeth Calverts for and at the suit of M^r Iohn Rogers Merchant in Plymouth which said Negro did run away and make his escape from your Pet^r and notwithstanding all the Industry and diligence he could and did use could not retrieve the said Negro during the whole time of his Sherifaldry he humbly prays your Excellencys order or precept for there taking the said Negro whereby to render the same according to the tenor of his Writ and be indemnified from any advantage to be taken against him for the same

And he shall pray &c^a

Which petition was granted and accordingly issued this foll precept (viz^t)

By his Excellency the Gov^r & the hon^{ble} Coun^{cll} Nov^r 18th 1692
Whereas Robert Carse Gent late high Sheriff of the County of S^t Marys hath Complained to this Board, that having by vertue of his Office in the time of his Sherifaldry and in the month of Ianuary last seized and taken in Execution a Negro Man of Madam Elizabeth Calverts upon a Iudgment obtained by M^r Iohn Rogers Merchant in Plymouth against the said Elizabeth Calvert, the said Negro by instigation and Advice of some Persons made his Escape and fled from his Custody, and is harboured and lyeth lurking about the plantation of the said Calvert and other private places where the said Carse could not possibly or conveniently come at him to retrieve him during the whole time of his Sherifaldry wherefore he hath humbly prayed the order of this Board to the present Sheriff of the said County to apprehend and take into his Custody the said Negro to render and satisfy the Iudgment obtained by the said Rogers against the said Calvert according to Law p 108

Ordered that Robert Mason Gent now high Sheriff of s^d County or his Deputy do with such Force and by such ways and means as he shall think most fit and convenient forthwith apprehend seize and take into his custody the said Negro and him safe keep so as to have him before their Majestys Iustices of the County Court of S^t Marys County to satisfy to the said Rogers in manner & form according to the Precept formerly directed to the said Rob^t Carse and by which he did take the said Negro in Execution as aforesaid

Signed p Order

J LL Cl Council