

thereof; but the same to be defrayed by that Province. The Powder being given and the Armes spared by his Ma^{ts} favour for the service thereof: Lib. H. D.

Given at the Office of his Ma^{ts} Ordinance this 13th of Jan^{ry} 1695

John Charleton
Cop^a Tests Edw^d Randolph

Tho: Littleton
W^m Boulton

true Copy.

William R.

Warrant for issuing pardon for Mason & Burley. Trusty and well Beloved We greet you well, Whereas the Case of George Mason and Will^m Burley condemned about four Years ago for the murther of John Payne our Collecto^r on Petuxent River hath been Represented to Us in Councill whereby it appeared that one John Woodcock likewise convicted with them was executed for the Said Murther upon his Confession that he only committed the Fact, & that the s^d George Mason and William Burley were no otherwise Concern'd in it, then being present at that time on board the Yatch, Whereupon the Assembly of Maryland reprieved them and in Reguard of the great charge they have been to the Countrey by their Long Imprisonm^t they have Requested you to recomēd them to Us as fit Objects of our mercy. We having taken the Premises into our Royall Consideration are graciously pleased to Signifye our Will and pleasure to you, that you Cause a Pardon to be passed under the Seale of that our Province of Maryland unto them the s^d George Mason and Will^m Burley for the Offence afores^d with Such Clauses as are Usual and Necessary in this behalfe, And for so doing this Shall be Your Warrant And So we bid you ffarewell. Given at our Court at Kensington the 20th day of ffebruary 1695/6 in the Eighth Year of our Reign.

By his Ma^{ts} Co^mand
Shrewsbury

Mason and Burleys Pardon
in Maryl.

Mason & Burleys pardon abt the murther of Mr. Payn William the Third &^{ca.}

To all persons to whom these p^rsents shall come, Greeting. Whereas George Mason and Will^m Burley stand convicted and Condemned for the murther of John Payne our late Collecto^r of Petuxant River in our Province of Maryland, and that they have been Rep^rsented to Us as fitt objects of our mercy in as much as the s^d Murther was principally committed by one John Woodcock who was Executed for the Same, and they the s^d George Mason and p. 25