

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday Lib. C. B.
the 15th Day of November in the second year of his Ldps
Dominion Annoq Dom. 1752

Present

The hoñble Benjamin Tasker Esq^r President

The hoñble { Col George Plater } Daniel Dulany Esq^r
 { Edmund Jenings Esq^r } Col Benj^a Tasker
 { Col Cha. Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq^r

Ordered that the Present General Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to the first Tuesday in December next be further prorogued to the last Tuesday in February next being the 27th Day of the same Month and Proclamations issued accordingly

His Honour the President lays before this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Baltimore County Court of their having passed Sentence of Death upon a Certain Negro Harry the Slave of Major Charles Ridgeley of the said County for ravishing and carnally knowing Sabina Cole a Widow Woman of the same County, and It appearing by the said Report that the Negro had been always an orderly Fellow, that He went to the House of the said Sabina Cole where He had a Wife, and that in their Judgment the Evidence was not sufficient to convict him, and therefore recommend him as an Object of Mercy ; It is therefore the Advice of this Board that His Honour be pleased to order His Lordships Pardon to p. 518 issue to the said Negro Harry which issued accordingly

His Honour the President communicates to this Board a Letter received by him from Henry Darnall Esq^r Attorney General which being read is ordered to be entered.

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I embrace this Opportunity to let you know that I returned home from York County yesterday—where I flatter myself I have discharged my Commission agreeable to the Orders I had received

Inclosed is a Copy of the Memorial or rather Petition which I preferred to the Court, and which I hope you will Approve of; I had first drawn it by way of Memorial, But having Some doubts that the Court would Refuse to receive it in that Shape I changed it into the form of a Petition, in the manner you will observe in the Rasures in the Title or Preamble

Upon Presenting this the Court were in Some doubts & appeared to be in some Confusion, it was Publicly Read by their Clerk. I Prayed it might be filed in the Proceedings of their Court, which was Granted, & it was accordingly filed,