

U. H. J. Sent by Col Holland Col Greenfield M<sup>r</sup> Hall and Col Addison

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board take the same fees on private Bills from the several persons Interested therein as are allowed this Session therefore by the Delegates to their Clerk

M<sup>r</sup> Tyler & Col Mackall brought up

By the House of Delegates  
November the 14th 1713

The Season of the year being so far advanced and almost half of the House being Sick in Town & gone home We desire your Honours to expedite the Bill for assessing the publick Levy & appoint when some of the Members of this House shall attend on your Honours to see the Laws Sealed & Close this Session without further Charge to the Country

Signed p order Evan Jones D Cl Ho Del.

The Petition of Elizabeth Spurrier being read at the Board  
Viz.

To the Honourable Edward Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> President of the Province of Maryland & Keeper of the Great Seal thereof

The humble Petition of Eliz Spurrier a Prisoner in the Goale of the City of Annapolis

Humbly Sheweth unto your Honour that your poor Petitioner has been tried & Arraigned this last Provincial Court p. 872 for murdering a Live Male Infant born of her Body that your Petitioner protesting she was a married Woman pleaded not guilty thereto.

That a Jury was Empannelled to try her & the Evidence that came or could be produced against her could make nothing appear against her but that she was delivered of a Child which Child was found dead tho no mortal Wounds or even the least Signs of any such appeared on the Body of the Child. That the Council having then Spoke for your Petitioner that such Evidence was not Sufficient Law to maintain the Indictment being an Indictm<sup>t</sup> at common Law & not on the Statute in that Case made & provided Your Petitioners Council & all other Standers by unconcerned seemed to understand that the Court and Jury also were of that opinion Which occasioned your poor Petit<sup>r</sup> who could only Speak to facts to forbear giving in Evidence to the Court & Jury that she was a loansome Woman having none near her but men