

and consequently unfit for being present at her Delivery and also to give in Evidence her Marriage with one William Spurrier and that he is yet alive together with many other true Allegations which might (duly notified) have given the Jury just Reasons to acquitt her of the fact laid to her charge. The Jury found a Verdict against your poor Petitioner in the Words following.

We of the Jury find Elizabeth Spurrier guilty of having a Bastard Child & concealing the Death of it, on Which the Court gave Judgem<sup>t</sup> of Death

That your Petitioner is advised & hopes your Honour who represents the Queen the Fountain of all Mercy & Justice on this side the Grave, and whose glorious Reign is most remarkable for that as well as other her pious just merciful and charitable administrations to her people will be so far of that opinion that the said Verdict does not in any wise come up to maintain the said Indictment.

That your Honour in mercy and tender Consideration of your poor Petitioners Ignorance and deplorable Condition will be pleased to grant her a Reprieve from an Execution of the said Judgement until the Queen's Pleasure with the Advice of her Councils and Judges be known touching the Premisses And your poor Petitioner (as in Duty bound) will ever pray &c

Also the following Endorsment thereon

November the 14<sup>th</sup> 1713

To the Honble Edw<sup>d</sup> Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> President of her Majesty's Council

We the Subscribers do certify to your Honour that that part of the within Petition wherein It is sett forth that the Petitioner depended upon her Council at Law and made no Defence herself or offered any thing to the Fact is true and leave her to her Majesty's Mercy and your Honour's Compassion if you shall think fitt to grant her a Reprieve till her Majesty's Pleasure be known therein

W<sup>m</sup> Holland  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Young

It was advised by the Board that the Honble Presid<sup>t</sup> grant her a Reprieve till her Majesty's pleasure be known

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M<sup>r</sup> Worthington and three more brought up the following message Viz.

By the House of Delegates  
November the 14<sup>th</sup> 1713

In answer to your message of this day by Col Addison &