

yourself so as not to give the least Cause to any Master of a Vessel, or other Person to complain, or insinuate that in the Execution of the Duty of a Naval Officer you take any Step, or collect any Money contrary to the Statutes of England, or Laws of this Province, and I also direct you to be particularly careful, not to demand under colour of the Act of Assembly above mentioned, or any other a Duty or Fine on the Importation of any Persons who are bona fide Convicts, and who shall or may be imported as such into this Province.

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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Assize for the Western Shore, whereby it appears that they had passed Sentence of Death upon Mulatto Charles, late of Prince Georges County Labourer, the Slave of a certain James Campbell, otherwise called young Charles Butler, for feloniously taking and leading away one black Mare of the Price of five Pounds, the Goods, and Chattels of a certain William Elson, contrary to an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also that they had passed Sentence of death, upon one Benjamin Barrett late of Calvert County Labourer, for feloniously breaking and entring the store House, of a certain John Gray of the Clifts, and taking thereout sundry Goods and Chattels, contrary to the Form of an Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided: And Likewise the Report of Bedingfield Hands one of the Justices of Assize for the Eastern Shore, whereby it appears that he had passed Sentence of Death upon a certain John Christopher Labourer Servant to Charles Baker for stealing a bay Gelding the Property of the same Charles Baker. and also that he had passed Sentence of Death, upon one Negro Jack, Slave to Joseph Nicholson, for breaking the Store House of William Murray in the night, and thereout feloniously taking a Piece of corded Dimothy: It is ordered with the Advice of this Board that Warrants issue for the Execution of John Christopher, and Negroe Jack the 14. Instant, but forasmuch as it appears by the Representation of several Persons in favour of Mulatto Charles, and Benjamin Barrel that they are Objects of Mercy, it is the Advice of this Board to his Excellency, that he be pleased to order Pardons for the said persons which issued accordingly.

The Conferrees appointed by the upper House in relation to the Bill for raising £40000 for his Majesty's Service, lay before this Board the following Proposition of the lower House.

The Conferrees do agree waving any further Dispute at present, about the right Nomination of Officers of Excise,

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