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The Evidence on his Tryal appeared to the Justices then Lib. J. R. sitting to be full and clear. I am

Your Excellency's Obedient humble Serv^t 27th September 1760. Jn° Brice

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r

The Petition of your Petitioner most humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner was arraigned at the last Provincial Court for felloniously Stealing taking & carrying away a Horse and Mare the Property of a certain Andrew Rench for Which (altho he was acquitted on two Trials for the same Fact in Virginia when your Petitioner had it in his power to clear up the unjust Charge) was Convict and Condemned to die partly for want of Money (which was unjustly taken from him by the Accusers) to employ Council and for want of the proper Vouchers to testify the legallity of his having and disposing of the said Horse and Mare who at this time is enlisted into his Majesty's Service known to my Prosecutors and whose boundless Malice at this Juncture were determined to make a Sacrifice of my poor Body; but as these Facts are not in my power to clear up to your Excellencys satisfaction I can only hope for Pardon from your known humane disposition for which may God of his mercy excite your Compassion on your poor distressed & most miserable Wretch in whose Hands my Life, my all depends and therefore I beg I pray (but first most earnestly and with greatest humility ask pardon for this trouble) for the life of your ever humble Petitioner who in duty bound under the greatest lies on this side of the Grave will with most ardent Prayers ever Pray &c.

Your Excellency's most hum' & most Obed Servt John Harrison

29 September 1760.

Which being read and Considered of It is the humble Advice of this Board that his Excellency be pleased to Order Dead Warrant for his Execution on Friday the 17th of this Ins^t October.

Read the Petition of Joseph Smith of Baltimore County—Rejected.

Ordered that the honourable Col° Charles Hammond Treasurer of the Western Shore draw on Mr William Hunt Merchant in London for the Sum of three pounds fourteen Shillings and one half penny Sterling in full for one years Salary to Michaelmas 1759 and likewise for the Sum of