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At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the first Day of January in the tenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoq Domini 1761.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor.

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Stephen Bordley Esq<sup>r</sup> and John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup>

Read the Conviction of Negro Tom and Negro Nace of Charles County Slaves of a certain Hugh Mitchell of the same County whereby it appears Sentence of Death had been passed upon them for breaking open the Meat-House of a certain Catharine Price and stealing therefrom sundry Goods and Chattels, and the Report of the Justices thereupon sent by the Clerk of the said County, and also the Petition of the Reverend Theophilus Swift and some of the Justices of the said County recommending the said Negroes as Objects of Mercy.

Ordered with the Advice of this Board that Pardon issue for the said Negroes which issued accordingly.

His Excellency having while the Council was sitting received a Packet by Express from Philadelphia was pleased after opening it to inform the Board that it contained Instructions from the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary issued as appears upon the Demise of his late Majesty King George the second of Blessed Memory Instructions from his sacred Majesty King George the third, A Letter from his present Majesty's most honourable Privy Council to the Right honourable Lord Baltimore together with a Form of a Proclamation to be published in this his Majesty's Province of Maryland, and also sundry Proclamations and Declarations made by his sacred Majesty King George the third, which Instructions, Form of a Proclamation, Proclamations and Declarations are as follow.

[L. S.] Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon in America Lord Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland.

Orders and Instructions to be observed and pursued by our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of our Province of Maryland.

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The Almighty God having been pleased to take to his Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the Second of glorious Memory, you are immediately on the Receipt of