Lib. J. R. Read the Conviction of Negro Bett Pone Slave of M^{rs} & U. S. Goldsborough of Talbot County for attempting to poyson a certain David Robinson her Overseer; and the Justices Report thereon recommending her the said Slave as a proper Object of his Excellency's Mercy, and ordered Pardon which issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 12th Friday the 13th Saturday 14th and Monday the 16th Days of March in the tenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Annoq Domini 1761.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

 $\begin{array}{c} The \\ honourable \end{array} \begin{cases} Benjamin \, Tasker \, Esq^r \\ Col^o \, Charles \, Hammond \\ Col^o \, Edward \, Lloyd \end{array} \end{cases} \begin{array}{c} Benedict \, Calvert \, Esq^r \\ Stephen \, Bordley \, Esq^r \\ John \, Ridout \, Esq^r \end{array}$

Valentine Mulkere Mariner Master of the Schooner called the Industry, the said Master having a Letter of Mark from George Thomas Esq Governor and Vice Admiral of the Carribbee Islands being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he cleared the aforesaid Schooner out on a Voyage from the Port of Maryland to Montserrat one of the aforesaid Islands, and in proceeding on the said Voyage down Chesapeak Bay he met the Brig Marlborough coming up the said Bay off New point Comfort and upon haling her and enquiring whence she came, was answered from Jamaica, upon which Deponent said he should be glad to hear some News, and that he the Deponent would come on Board of him and desired him to bring too, which he immediately did, and Deponent going on Board the said Brig with four Hands in his own Boat and Deponent again asking the Master of the said Brig whence he came, he then answered from the Cape, the Deponent then asked him, whether from Cape Henry or Cape Hinlopen to which he replied he was from Cape Francois, whereupon Deponent demanding a Sight of his Papers, the said Brig's Master immediately demanded a Sight of this Deponents Commission which being by the Deponent accordingly shewn to the said Brig's Master he perused the same and said that he was a Pirate who granted this Deponent that Commission as well as this Deponent himself and then shewed this Deponent some Papers as his Clearance p. 274 Papers, which being wrote in some foreign Language, this Deponent did not understand, and Deponent then asking