

Lib. J. R. spiring & Attempting to Poison a Certain Richard Duckett  
& U. S. the younger Ordered that Negro Harry the Slave of Philip Key the younger be hung at Choptico on Friday the last day of this Instant October and afterwards to be hung in Chains at the same Place And that Negro Cork the Slave of Philip Key Esq<sup>r</sup> be hung at Choptico on Wednesday the Twelfth day of November next and afterwards to be hung in Chains at Budds Creek in the said County of S<sup>t</sup> Marys, and that Pardon issue to Negro Thomas the Slave of John Prather af<sup>d</sup>

Ordered that the following Letters Received by his Excellency be Entered

Sir

In order to Consider upon the Subject of M<sup>r</sup> Ross's Letter by your Excellencys direction Sent us relating to the Conduct of the Roman Catholicks and Negroes in this County We lately appointed a meeting at the Court house and Endeavoured to inform Ourselves so as to be able to Send your Excellency an Answer with some exactness.

We cannot find that the Roman Catholicks in this County have given any Cause of Complaint or Shewn any Signs of Satisfaction at the late unfortunate Defeat of the brave General Braddock

Whether it has been from principals of Prudence or Policy We cannot pronounce, But their behaviour here as  
p. 66 far as has come to our Knowledge hath been without offence.

About three or four Months ago one M<sup>r</sup> Ellis a Priest who lived at New Town in this County went from thence in order to go as it was said to Settle at a Danish Island in the West Indies and has never Since Returned and We know of no other Priest who has lately lived among Us who has been Absent from his Residence nor do we know of any unlawful Meetings of Negroes.

We are not yet informed who have been the Authors of those Reports mentioned in your Excellencys Letter which have been in some Places so industriously spread, If we should Discover them we should take Proper Measures for their being brought to Justice as Enemies to their Countrys Peace and friends to a faction who labour to foment animosities amongst Us to the Endangering our Common Security. We are with the greatest regard

Sir Y<sup>r</sup> Excellencys mo: Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
Philip Key, Tho: Aisquith, Jn<sup>o</sup> Bond,  
Zach Bond, R Barnhouse, I Hill  
H W Williams, Tho<sup>s</sup> Greenfield.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe }  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland }