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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made him by the Justices appointed by Special Commission for the Tryal of some Negroes in S^t Marys County for breaking open M^r Edens Store house and Stealing from thence Sundry Goods, whereby it appears they had passed Sentence of Death upon Negro Joe for the said offence It is ordered that Dead Warrant issue for the said Negro Joe.

His Excellency is Pleased to lay before this Board a Report made him by the Justices of Talbot County Court of their having Passed Sentence of Death on a Certain Negroe Harry a boy about Twelve years old the Slave of David Robinson, for Burglary It is the Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to Order a Pardon for the said Negro Harry, and Pardon issued accordingly

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 9th day of January in the fifth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1756.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	}	Col Benjamin Tasker
		Col Charles Hammond		Benedict Calvert Esq ^r
		Philip Thomas Esq ^r		Col William Goldsbor-
		Col Edward Lloyd		ough

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters

New York December 30th 1755

Sir

Being ordered by his Majesty in his Instructions to me as Commander in Chief of the Forces in North America not only to Cultivate the best Harmony and Friendship possible with the several Governors of his Colonies upon this Continent but likewise with the Chiefs of the Indian Tribes and for the better Improvement of his Good Correspondence with the said Indian Tribes to find out some fit & Proper Person agreeable to the Southern Indians to be Sent to them for this Purpose, and to Endeavour to engage them to Act with his Forces in such operations as I shall think most Expedient: I think I can't better Answer his Royal Intention, especially at this time of General Incursions of the Indians into his Western Frontiers, than by recommending the In-closed Plan to your Honour which if unanimously Executed by the Several Governments concerned, I can't but Conceive Strong hopes may provide in the most effectual manner for