

Lib. J. R. & U. S. Ordered that Pardons issue to the above Negroes which issued accordingly. And likewise Ordered that a Letter be written by the Clerk of this Board to John Hepburn Esq^r recommending to him to bind the said Negroes to their Good Behaviour it appearing from their Conviction that they are Persons of ill Fame.

Read the Representation of the Justices of the Provincial Court relating to the Conviction of Edward Rudgkins, and John Hubbert for Murder, and Rich^d Smith for Felony

Ordered that a Reprieve issue to Rich^d Smith which issued accordingly and Ordered that Dead Warrant be issued for the Execution of Edw^d Rudgkins and John Hubbert on Friday the 4th day of October next, which issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the Governor's Saturday the 26th day of October in the Fifteenth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1765.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honble Benj^s Tasker, John Ridout, and Cha^s Goldsborough Esq^{rs}

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter from Cap^t Hawker.

Sardoine New Castle River, Delawar 22^d October 1765

Sir

In Consequence of Applications made to me by the respective Governors of New Jersey and Pensilvania I have taken the Stamp Papers for these Provinces on Board His Majestys Ship Sardoine, under my Command, till a place of Safety could have been provided for them, and understanding there were also some for Maryland brought by the same Ship (Royal Charlotte) and Imagining your Honour had not the Opportunity of making the same Application to me, I therefore, as it related to his Majesty's Service, and out of Respect to you have taken them also on board me, and beg your directions for the disposal of them as soon as Possible.

I am with great Regard Sir.

Your most humble and Obedient Servant

Ja^s Hawker

p. 397 The following Answer thereunto being prepared, was Read and approved of, and by his Excellency transmitted accordingly.