

mony upon which he was Convicted, was as Slight Testimony as ever Man was Convicted on, what could induce the Jury to Convict him upon such Testimony I know not unless they suspected he was an old Offender if that was what they went on, do assure you they were greatly Mistaken for now tell you upon my Reputation that the fellow Supported a good Character not only with me but with all the Neighbours where I resided. Now Sir as am informed you intend to Annapolis very soon desire you would lay the poor Fellow's Case before his Excellency, And make no doubt from his known Goodness and Mercy will grant the poor fellow his Pardon and that without Transportation that being a matter I must desire to be excused from as I cant think he in any Sort deserves it.

I am with Esteem your very humble Servant  
To Will<sup>m</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hayward jun<sup>r</sup>

On Consideration of the above Letter and Recommendation of the Justices, His Excellency with the Advice of this Board was pleased to Order that a Pardon should issue for the aforesaid Negro Robin, which was issued accordingly.

Read the following Petition of Sundry Justices of Frederick County.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of the Subscribing Magistrates of Frederick County.

Most humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners, with great Sorrow and Regret find themselves obliged to accuse two of their own Members of a Scandalous Abuse of that Power which your Excellency hath thought proper to intrust them with in joint Commission with your Petitioners.

That without insiting upon other Irregularities, your Petitioners will Confine themselves at present to the Information they have received of Cap<sup>t</sup> Evan Shelby, and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Warford, in a Case of Fornication, as follows.

That a certain Catherine Wheate, Daughter of Conrad Wheate, in the Month of September last, Charged Thomas Hynes, on Oath, before Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Price, one of his Lordship's Justices of this County, with being the Father of her Bastard Child. Whereupon Cap<sup>t</sup> Price took Recognizance for her appearance at November Court, and also for the Man's appearance and made return thereof accordingly.