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Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province be dissolved, and Writs of Election issue dated 26th of September returnable to the third Tuesday in November next being the 17th day of the same Month, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

Read the Report of the Convictions of Negroes Samuel, Abigail, and Rachel of Calvert County for attempting to poyson M^{rs} Smith, and a Letter of William Hickman of Calvert County with a Letter of M^r James Weemes of the same County. Ordered that Dead Warrant issue for the Executions of Negroes Samuel and Rachel, on Wednesday the seventh of October next

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter.

I observe you are made to believe by M^r Calvert that you had obtained a great Indulgence in the Instructions regarding our Vessels which in Fact was no more than what was before agreed to between the Officers and ourselves which however must be acknowledged a Favour but how trifling when it is known we can be guilty of no Fraud or intend any, what I insist & must say I think with much Propriety, may, is that from my Property in Maryland, I should be intituled to all the Privileges and Immunities of free Bottoms, or further to the same Indulgence in Maryland to Iron Vessels as they meet with in Virginia where the Advantage of that Commodity to our Mother Country and the Privileges there granted to Plantation made Iron being duly considered the Marylanders are allowed to send Vessels loaded with Bar or Pig Iron to Virginia either for Sale or Exportation paying only for a Permit 2/6 which enables them to excel us at Market because for a Load of unmanufactured Stuff we are obliged to pay more than its Tonnage and Fees (tho' brought from my own Estate there) this I say is unneighbourly, if no more, all I ask is to be upon an equal Footing in Maryland with the Maryland Iron Masters in this Colony, is that unreasonable, unjust, or unequitable, if not, let Lord Baltimore direct that I may be allowed to transport Iron Ore from Maryland to work my Furnaces in Virginia for paying for a Permit only as their Vessels come into our Country and I am satisfied, I desire and ask for no more, and is not a great Hardship that I who am a good Subject of Maryland cannot be allowed the full Advantage of my Estate thereby, bringing its' Produce to benefit my Estate here when only a River makes the Distinction of two Countries and no Body can suffer