

At a Council held at the Governor's on Friday the 29th Day of April in the Eighteenth year of His Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1768. Lib. C. B.
No. 20

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The Hoñble Benjamin Tasker Daniel Dulany John Ridout and Walter Dulany Esq^{rs}

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Richard Mansfield of Baltimore County Condemned at the last Assizes held for the said County, as also a Letter from the Justices recommending the said Mansfield to His Excellency for Mercy.

May it please your Excellency

Tuesday 12th April 1768

One Richard Mansfield was last Week Convicted before us at the Assizes for Baltimore County by the Verdict of a Jury, of Stealing the Horse of One Richard Rogers; The Evidence delivered in Court Justified the Verdict, but gave room for a belief in us that the Prisoner took the Horse only to his Habitation, a few Miles and then let him go and that he might intend no more.

The Prisoner made no Defence, but on being brought up to receive Sentence gave an affecting Relation of his Wife being delivered of a Child in a Loansome Wood Cutter's Cabbin without Assistance and that his Master being from Home he went to Town for Rum and Sugar for her a foot and being belated was uneasy for his Wife and seemed tacitly to admit the taking the Horse in order to get the sooner to her

This Account induced us to inquire and Examine Witnesses on Oath concerning the Truth of it which fully affirm it with a favourable Character of him delivered on Oath by his Master John Cockey Owings a reputable Farmer who also produced an Indenture proving him to be no Convict from abroad, under these Circumstances We cannot but recommend the Prisoner to Your Excellency as an Object of Mercy. And are Sir, Your Excellency's most Obed^t Humble Servants

J. Hepburn
J. B. Bordley

Whereupon it is Ordered by His Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Pardon issue in favour of the said Mansfield which was issued accordingly.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Remonstrance of the Reverend M^r Philip Hughes and several other Papers relative thereto.