

Lib. C. B. Ordered, that the Court's Docket, for August Court last in
 No. 20 Calvert County, be lodged with the Clerk of this Board, Notice
 to be given by the Complainant to Col^o Ireland of the time and
 place of taking the above Depositions, which after taking are
 to be lodged as above.

24th August 1768.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Mary-
 land

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners being near Neighbours to Ezekiel
 Gott, and knowing his Negro Lad Lem for some years past;
 (who now lies under Sentence of Death for a Burglary in the
 House of a certain Boardley Bowers,) which your Petition-
 ers presume he Committed through overpersuasion, youth, and
 unexperience, he being not quite eighteen years of Age, and
 your Petitioners never knew nor heard of his being guilty of
 or accessory to any Crime until this.

That your Petitioners also knowing that the said Ezekiel
 Gott, cannot directly purchase a Slave that would be so ser-
 viceable to him as the said Negro, and that notwithstanding
 the High Value the Court has been pleased to put him at, your
 Petitioners do apprehend that the said Ezekiel Gott would be
 a great sufferer at this Time, if his Negro must suffer Death.

That your Petitioners, as Neighbours to the said Ezekiel
 Gott, will be under no Apprehensions of Suffering in their
 Properties if the said Negro Lad should, through your Excel-
 lency's Mercy, be returned to his said Master. Your Petition-
 ers therefore humbly beseech Your Excellency will be pleased
 to look on the said Negro as an Object of Mercy, and if from
 this Representation or any other your Excellency may Collect,
 that you'll be pleased for the above Reasons to take this Peti-
 tion into Consideration, and grant the said Negro a Pardon, if
 it should to Your Excellency's great Judgment appear fit.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

Ezekiel Gott	Edw ^d Cole	p. 26 John Thomas
Benj ^a Harrison	Rich ^d Green	Edward M ^c Daniel
Stephen Steward	Jacob Macceny	Philip Pindell
Henry Child	Ralph Forster	Richard Richardson
Sam ^l Child	Rich ^d Simmonds	Isaac Hall
Joseph Hutton	Will ^m Simmonds	John Cole
William Drury	Isaac Simmonds	Jacob Franklin Sen ^r
Richard Wells	Benj ^a Carr	Joseph Allen
Rob ^t Brown	John Battee	Jacob Franklin Jun ^r
		Joseph Hill
		Rob ^t Norris