

Ordered that the Consideration of this Matter be postponed. Lib. C. B.

Read the following Petition of James Richard, of Baltimore County, Convicted of Larceny at the last November Court, held in and for the said County, for which he was Sentenced to be Whipp'd and stand in the Pillory. No. 20

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland.

The Petition of James Richard of Baltimore County.

Most humbly sheweth to Your Excellency.

That your Unfortunate and most Unhappy Petitioner, truly sensible of the great Mercy to him already shewn by Your Excellency, craves leave in most humble manner to acknowledge Your unmeritted Commiseration in this behalf. Truly sensible thereof your wretched Petitioners grateful Heart, must ever, and in its last most arduous Moments, particularly remember the Merciful Author of its future Tranquility.

That Your wretched Petitioner, having been informed by M^r Thomas Johnson Junior, (whose publick Promise he has to wait on Your Excellency in his behalf.) Your Excellency upon certain Conditions, may perhaps out of Regard to his Relatives, and in tender Commiseration of his Age, be induced to extend farther Mercy, thereby as well as by Your Excellency's innumerable Acts of Clemency, encouraged, Your Petitioner in most humble manner entreats he may find Mercy, as that also should it be your Pleasure, he must in his old Age seek for a livelihood in another Clime, such time as to your Wisdom shall seem meet may be allowed him to settle his Affairs, being involved in Sundry Suits, and his small Estate Mortgaged to Mess^{rs} Ridgely and Taylor, who, seeing your wretched Petitioner sunk into the Earth have by unjust Law Proceedings endeavour'd to avail themselves thereof, and would have succeeded (having procured unwarrantable Possession) had not Providence influenced the true Friend of Mankind, the Honourable Beale Bordley Esq^r to oppose such their unjust Proceedings, against your otherwise defenceless Petitioner. In tender Commiseration of your wretched Petitioner's Relative, the worthy Family of Sir Theodore Jansen Deceased, nearly allied to the Right honourable the Proprietary of this Province; tho' now unworthy of them, by the late Blemish he has received, worse to Your wretched Petitioner than Death, suffer him in most humble manner to plead