

Lib. C. B. your wonted Mercy first, and for their their sake to pardon  
No. 20 the most wretched of Men. And Conscious of your Excellency's great Mercy Your Petitioner, with the sincerest Heart, which due Gratitude must Excite in his Breast, shall ever pray for Your Excellency (as next to Almighty God) the Author of his future Welfare.

James Richard

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Petition, his Excellency with Advice of this Board, was pleased to Order a Pardon to issue in favour of the said James Richard, upon Condition of his leaving the Province within Forty days from the date thereof, and never to return again, which issued accordingly.

p. 41 Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands Prorogued to Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of this Instant March, be further Prorogued until Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May next and Proclamations issued accordingly.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April in the Eighteenth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1769.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> { Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>     Walter Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>  
              { John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup>     George Steuart Esq<sup>r</sup>

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Negro Ben, late of Talbot County, the Slave of a certain Rachel Harrison of said County, Condemned, at the last March Court held in and for the said County, and also Read the following Representation of the Justices and Jurors in favour of the said Negro Ben.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland.

We the Justices of Talbot County beg leave to acquaint Your Excellency, that Sentence of Death hath this March Court been passed upon Negro Ben, a Slave belonging to Rachel Harrison for assaulting with Intent to Ravish Eve Shanahan. As the Evidence upon which his Conviction was