

Lib. C. B. to go in the Goal and Tye William Watts accordingly they
 No: 20 did violently he whipped him then the Sheriff Ordered the
 Negroes to come into the Goal and Tye me accordingly they
 Tyed me around the Wrists and carried me out of Goal
 stripped my Shirt over my Head and Tyed me up to a Walnut
 Tree before his Father's Door and there gave me a Severe
 Whipping I told the Sheriff that it was false Report of the
 Negroes that I neither knew or was not concerned in the
 least in the attempt of the Negroes he paid no Regard to what
 I said I told him he must use his Pleasure when I was carried
 back to Goal they fastened me by the Hands and Feet with
 a Rope like an Ox led to be slaughtered I requested of my
 p. 92 Brother Debtors to look how Barbarously I had been Whipped
 upon their vicwing my Back they told me there was eight
 severe Cuts which Caused me many a Nights uneasiness with
 the Pain I endured and threatned me that he would have me in
 Irons and sent a Negro and took Measure of my Wrists and
 much more to increase my Aggrievances he would not suffer
 my Wife to come to the Goal to Speak to me for several Weeks
 nor even allow me the Liberty of Writing to my Friends for
 fear I should discover his Cruel Usage Your Honours will be
 pleased to have me and the following Men brought before your
 Honourable House whom will Justify my Complaint to be the
 whole Truth. My Evidences are M^r John Doncastle M^r
 Joseph Harrison M^r Ignatius Green and M^r John Neale,
 Joyner the said Neale is now at Liberty. Your Petitioner
 therefore most humbly pray your Honours will take his Dis-
 tressed and Lamentable Situation into your Serious Consid-
 eration and Grant such Relief as your Wisdom and Goodness
 think just and reasonable and thereby prevent a Continuance
 of my Complaint and your Poor miserable distressed Peti-
 tioner as in Duty bound will ever pray.

William Wright
 9^{br} 7th 1769.

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice
 December 7th 1769.

Your Committee beg leave to inform your Honourable
 House that they examined William Wyatt Fentham who was
 Summoned as a Witness on the Petitions of the Prisoners in
 Charles County Goal complaining against the Sheriff of that
 County and have taken his Deposition which is hereto annexed
 That it appears to your Committee that the Room of the
 Private Goal in which Richard Lee Jun^r Sheriff of Charles
 County detains his Prisoners for Debt is about fifteen or
 sixteen feet square and had not any Fire place therein when