At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 21. of April Annoq Domini 1762.

<div align="center">Present as yesterday,</div>

Read the Report of the Magistrates of Dorchester County whereby It appears they had passed sentence of Death against Negro James the Slave of Thomas Howell of the Same County for Felony, and also Read the Petition of the said Thomas Howell on behalf of the said Negro James whereby It appears by a Recommendation of the said Justices that the said Negro James is an Object of His Excellency's Mercy.

It is advised that a Pardon issue for the said Negro, which his Excellency Ordered and It issued accordingly.

Read the Report of the Justices of the Provincial Court whereby It appears they had passed Sentence of Death against Negro Coffee the Slave of James Elder for murder Ordered Death Warrant for his Execution on Wednesday the 5. of May next.

Read the Report of the Justices of a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer held in Cecil County whereby It Appears they had passed Sentence of Death against Michael Oroonoko for Murder ordered Death Warrant for his Execution on Friday the 7. of May Next.

p. 333 At a Council held in the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 13. of May Annoq Domini 1762.

<div align="center">Present</div>

<div align="center">His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esqr Governor.</div>

Benjamin Tasker Esqr Stephen Bordley Esqr & John Ridout Esqr

His Excellency lays before this Board the following Letter and desires their Opinion and Advice thereupon

<div align="right">New York, 15th April 1762.</div>

Sir

As from Several papers that have fallen into my hands I have undoubted Proofs of the Enemy being Supplied with Provisions from almost Every Port on the Continent of North America; I must Represent to you the Necessity of putting an Effectual Stop to such Infamous Practices; particularly at a time when there is the greatest Demand for Provisions to Supply the King's Troops; and as I am well Assured that there are Large Quantities in Store in Several of the Provinces, kept up by the Merchants on purpose for Exportation, and