

Read also the following Petitions of Eleanor Bryan Elias Lib. C. B.  
Smith and Thomas Bond in behalf of the aforesaid Negro No. 20  
Abraham.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup>

May it please your Excellency

That at Saint Mary's County June Court last a certain Negro Abraham the property of a certain Captain Thomas Bond of said County was indicted and Convicted upon (as I believe) a Confession extorted from him upon a Whipping p. 111 inflicted on him by his said Master as I could not Swear to the Identity of the Person of an attempt to Ravish me a Copy of which Indictment and Confession I presume your Excellency has seen and as I am not willing said Negro should be Executed for the Crime aforesaid I now apply to your Excellency in his behalf entreating you to Pardon him upon his Master's Transporting him out of the Province As I cannot in such Case be under any apprehension of any the like attempt from him.

I am

Your Excellency's most Obed<sup>t</sup> & most hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Saint Marys County Eleanor Bryan  
June 24<sup>th</sup> 1770.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup>

May it please your Excellency.

That at Saint Marys County June Court last a certain Negro Abraham the property of Captain Thomas Bond of said County was upon a Confession of the said Negro extorted from him by Whipping inflicted on him by his Master indicted and Convicted of breaking open my Bar and Stealing thereout Sundry Pieces of Money, the Record of which I presume your Excellency has seen and as I should be extreme sorry said Negro should suffer Death on that Account I now apply to your Excellency entreating you to pardon him for the aforesaid Crime.

I am, Your Excellency's most Obed<sup>t</sup> & most hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Saint Marys County Elias Smith.  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 1770.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup>

May it please your Excellency.

At Saint Marys County June Court last a certain Negro Abraham my property was upon his own Confession extorted by Whipping Indicted and Convicted on Two Indictments the