

June Court 1724

And now here at this Court to wit the Fiftenth Day of June Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and twenty four the said George Hastings produces the following Petition to the Court with the Grant thereof by his Honour the Governour which is Ordered to be entered as a Discharge of the Same Recognizance and is as follows

To The Honourable Charles Calvert Esq. Governour of Maryland

The Petition of George Hastings of Kent County. Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner some time in August last became bound by Recognizance in the Sum of twenty pounds Sterl for the appearance of a certain Mary Pool to the then next Governour's Court on Suspicion of some felony supposed to have been Committed by her, and in Order to secure the said Marys appearance your Petitioner did keep & Maintain her for a Considerable time at his own house notwithstanding which by means of her Husband John Pool she hath made her Escape before appearance to the said Recognizance and altho she was immediately pursued & narrowly hunted after as well in this as the Neighbouring provinces both by your Pet. himself and by others hired and employed for that purpose yet she could never be taken whereby your Pet. Recognizance is now liable to an Extraitment. Your Petitioner further intimates that being poor and having no other Support for himself and a family of small Children but what he earns by his dayly Labour he hath already expended whatever he could raise and also run much in debt for Money to pursue the said Mary & if he should be obliged to pay the Forfeiture it must inevitably prove the Ruin of your Petitioner and his Family

Your Petitioner therefore humbly supplicates that your Hon. may be pleased ^{to} extend ^{your} Clemency to his deplorable Condition by granting him a release from the forfeiture of the said Recognizance hereby to prevent the Ruin both of himself & his helpless family and your Pet. as in duty bound shall ever pray

Granted Cha. Calvert