

the same with the Oath you have taken under
your Hands and seals to the Governor of
Maryland for the Time being. Given under
my hand this nineteenth Day of November
seventeen hundred and Ninety six.
J. H. Stone

December 5 1796

J. H. Stone State of Maryland to wit, Whereas
Negro Richard late the
Slave of Mary Digges of
Prince Georges County was
at the General Court for the Western Shore
of the State of Maryland held at the City of
Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October
being the Twentieth day of the said Month
in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred
and ninety five tried and convicted
of committing a Rape on Ainy Ann Perry
and was sentenced to suffer death for the
said offence. Now know ye that I have
thought proper by and in pursuance of the
powers vested in me by Law to commute and
change the said sentence of death against the