

Maryland can testify if the curts required by Your Majesty

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prayeth your Majesty that since there has been already One Person executed for the Death of the said Paine Your Majesty will extend your Grace and Mercy to the Other Two, and that likewise since the heats and Differences in Maryland are grown to that height now that your Petitioner without Your Majestys Special Grace and Protection cannot hope to return and live peaceably with his Wife and Children, who are daily great Sufferers by Your Petitioners Absence from them & his Estate, that therefore Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to give your Protection to Your Petitioner that so he may be assured to live quietly with his Wife and Family there

And Your Pet. as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

A true Copy signed William Blakeway

At the Court at Whitehall the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1691  
Present

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Upon reading the Petition of Nicholas Sewall, setting forth that being necessitated to return from Virginia to his own Plantation in Maryland, One Mr. John Paine Comptroller under his late Maj<sup>ty</sup> King James did on the third of January 1689 with several armed Men at an unseasonable time of the Night come to seize the Petitioners Vessel then riding at Anchor in Patuxent River, whereupon Guns were fired on both sides, & the said Paine was killed; that some time after the Persons belonging to the Petitioners Vessel were brought to a Toyal, and three of them condemned, whereof One named John Woodcock was executed, & the Execution of the Other Two deferred till his Majestys Pleasure were signified concerning them; that the Grand Jury found the Bill against the Petitioner although he was in Bed at his own Plantation at the time of the said Action; wherefore humbly praying his Majesty to extend his Grace and Mercy to the said two condemned Men, and also

Protection