

This Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made him by the Justices appointed by special Commission for the Tryal of some Negroes in S. Marys County for breaking open Mr. Calens Storehouse and Stealing from thence sundry Goods, whereby it appears they had passed Sentence of Death upon Negro Joe for the said offence It is Ordered that Judgment issue for the said Negro Joe

This Excellency is Pleas'd to lay before this Board a Report made him by the Justices of Talbot County boord of their having Pass'd Sentence of Death on a certain Negroe Harry a boy about Twelve years old the Slave of David Robinson for Burglary It is the Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleas'd to Order a Pardon for the said Negroe Harry, and Pardon issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January in the fifth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1756.

Present

This Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The honourable { Benjamin Tasher Esq<sup>r</sup> } Col Benjamin Tasher  
                                  { Col Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
                                  { Philip Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> } Col William Goldborough  
                                  { Col Edward Lloyd }

This Excellency is pleas'd to lay before this Board the following Letters

Sir

New York December 30<sup>th</sup> 1755

Being ordered by his Majesty in his Instructions to me as Commande in Chief of the Forces in North America not only to cultivate the best Harmony and Friendship possible with the several Governours of his Colonies upon this Continent but likewise with the Chiefs of the Indian Tribes and for the better Improvement of his Good Correspondence with the said Indian Tribes to find out some fit & proper Person agreeable to the Southern Indians to be sent to them for this Purpose, and to Endeavour to engage them to Act with his Forces in such Operations as I shall think most Expedient: I think I can't better Answer his Royal Intention, especially at this time of General Incursions of the Indians into his Western Frontiers, than by recommending the Inclosed Plan to your Honour which if unanimously Executed by the several Governours concerned, I can't but conceive strong hopes may provide in the most effectual manner for their mutual security against the Hostile Attempts of the Southern Indians upon them & creating a Dependency of those Nations upon his Majesty.

If your Honour can suggest to me any Amendment of this Plan or other measures for compassing this great Object, I shall very gladly do all the Service I can in promoting them.

I have at the same time likewise Endeavour'd to Induce the Indians of the Six Nations to join with us in putting a Stop to the Devastations of the Shawonese, Delaware, Susquehana, and other Southern Nations within his Majestys Western Colonies either by their Good Offices & Authority over them or if those should prove ineffectual by taking up the Hatchet against them.