

such things having been frequently done, and that by so doing he might have subjected himself to the Payment of certain Duties imposed by an Act of Assembly passed in July 1754 instituted, and set for his Majesty's Service, but that all Objections of such Complaints might be removed and prevented, as much as possible; I have therefore and do hereby require you to conduct yourself so as not to give the least Cause to any Master of a Ship, or other Person to complain, or inculpate, that in the Execution of the Duty of a Naval Officer you take any Step, or collect any Money contrary to the Statutes of England, or Laws of this Province, and I also direct you to be particularly careful not to demand under colour of the Act of Assembly above mentioned, or any other Act, Duty or Fee on the Importation of any Persons who are bona fide, Convicts, and who shall or may be imported as such into this Province.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Assize for the Western Shore, whereby it appears that they had passed Sentence of Death upon a Mulatto Charles, late of Surinam George's County Labourer, the Slave of a certain James Campbell, otherwise called young Charles Butler, for feloniously taking and leading away one Black Mare of the Price of five Pounds, the Goods, and Chattels of a certain William Allen, contrary to an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also that they had passed Sentence of Death, upon one Benjamin Barrett late of Calvert County Labourer, for feloniously breaking and entering the Store House, of a certain John Gray of the Calverts, and taking thereout sundry Goods and Chattels, contrary to the Form of an Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided: And likewise the Report of the Justices of Assize for the Eastern Shore, whereby it appears that he had passed Sentence of Death upon a certain John Christopher Labourer servant to Charles Baker for stealing a bay gelding the Property of the same Charles Baker, and also that he had passed Sentence of Death, upon one Negro Jack, Slave to Joseph Richardson, for breaking the Store House of William Murray in the Night, and thereout feloniously taking a Piece of corded Timothy: It is ordered with the Advice of this Board that Warrants issue for the Execution of John Christopher, and Negro Jack the Ux: Instant, but so much as it appears by the Representation of several Persons in favour of Mulatto Charles, and Benjamin Barrett that they are Objects of Mercy, it is the Advice of this Board to his Excellency, that he be pleased to order Pardons for the said Persons which is used accordingly.

The Comptrolers appointed by the upper House in relation to the Bill for raising Money for his Majesty's Service, lay before this Board the following Proposition of the lower House.