

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter

S^r I beg Leave to lay before your Excellency the Papers herewith sent, they were about a fortnight since taken from a person found travelling through this County without a pass, on his Examination he appears by his own Confession to be a native Frenchman and a Papist of the Province of Seignin he talks Latin pretty well, says he came from Havre de Grace to Quebec, thence to Montreal, to Albany, York, Boston, Philadelphia, has been at Annapolis has passed from place to place where the neutral French reside, now he hath formerly personated a priest, he either is or will personate a Sumatich, with lucid intervals his quick Return from your side, and as quick passing from one Body of Neutrals to another and making upwards inclined me to stop him, your Excellency will please to signify your Thoughts and whether it be proper further to detain him.

I am with the greatest Respect

To your Excellency's very humble servant
B. Hands.

Which being read it is their Opinion, that he still be detained in Custody.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Charles County Court of their having passed Sentence of Death upon Negro Ben the Slave of a certain Richard Gardiner for a certain Felony by him committed, and no favourable Circumstance appearing for him, it is ordered that Dead Warrant accordingly issue.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the 30th Day of August in the sixth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Annoque Domini 1756:

Present

- His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor
- The Honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esquire } Col. Benj^r Tasker
- { Colonel Charles Hammond } &
- { Philip Thomas Esquire } Benedict Calvert Esq

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