

The 10th Day of this Instant. March, and whereas my Attendance on his Majesty's Service will prevent my reading of them at that time; I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State further to prorogue the same and I do hereby further prorogue the same, to Monday the 20th of this Instant March, and to the intent that all Persons concerned may have due Notice thereof I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation public in their respective Counties in the usual manner as they will answer the contrary at their peril. Given at the City of Annapolis this 5th Day of March in the 6th Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1757.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 30th Day of March in the sixth year of his Lordship's Dominion, Annoque Domini 1757.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governour

The honourable Benjamin Tusher Esq. Col. Benjⁿ. Tasker, and Benes. Adair Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Ann Arundell County Court, whereby it appears that they had passed sentence of death upon negro Tida the Slave of Ephraim Govet, for feloniously attempting to poison her said Master; ordered that dead Warrant issue for her Execution on Wednesday the 6th day of April next, and also a Report made to him by the Justices of Dorchester County Court whereby it appears that they had passed sentence of death upon three Negroes for Felony and House breaking to wit; Negro Sampson the Slave of Samuel Hicks, Negro Boaze the Slave of the said Hicks, and Negro Sladdy the Slave of Elizabeth Tupper Widow, but forasmuch as it appears by the Representation of several persons in favour of the above Negroes Sampson and Sladdy that they are Objects of Mercy, it is the Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to order Warrants for the said Negroes, which if issued accordingly, and dead Warrant was ordered to issue for the Execution of Negro Boaze on the 12th Day of April next.

Ordered by the Advice of this Board that the following Proclamation issue.

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