

At Council held at the City of Annapolis on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September  
in the sixth year of his Excellency's Dominion Anno Domini 1759

Present

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

Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Col: Edward Lloyd }  
Col: Henry } Stephen Bradley Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Honble

Read the Report of the Justices of the Provincial Court at their Session in September whereby it  
appears that they had passed Sentence of Death upon Matthew Dogan of Kent County Planter  
for Murder and also upon John Bourke of Queen Anne County Planter for Murder, and for as  
much as it appears to this Board that the said Matthew Dogan is not an Object of Mercy Ordered  
That the Court be open for his Execution on Wednesday the third of October next And it is likewise  
Ordered that an Enquiry be made into the former Behaviour and State of Mind of the said John  
Bourke at the time of his committing the said Action

Read the following Petition

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland

We the Subscribers Justices of Dorchester County Court beg leave to represent to your Excellency that  
at this present August Court John Combs of this County an Aged Man was convicted before us for  
stealing a Saddle the property of Mr Daniel Sullivan upon which the Judgment decreed by Law  
is given against him; but as it appeared doubtful upon the Evidence given at his Tryall whether he  
was guilty of a Felony or not in taking the said Saddle And it also appearing upon his Tryall  
by the Testimony of a great number of Witnesses of undoubted Credit that the said John Combs hath  
always before this maintained a good Character and behaved during the course of his Life honestly  
and justly and he having in Court paid the fourfold and secured the Officers Fees and the  
Saddle being returned we have respected the former Execution of the Judgment untill next Court  
and do humbly recommend him to your Excellency as a fit Object of your Mercy

We are &c

It is the humble advice of this Board that his Excellency be pleased to Order Pardon for the said  
Combs which is done accordingly

Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province be prorogued to the first  
Tuesday in February next and Proclamations issued accordingly

At Council held at the City of Annapolis on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of September  
in the sixth year of his Excellency's Dominion Anno Domini 1759

Present

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It is hereby is pleased to lay before this Board the following Depositions of Latham Vign  
Maurice County Esq<sup>r</sup>

Thomas Miller of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland Esq<sup>r</sup> Aged thirty three