

which as has been already observed was sometimes as high as seventy and sometimes so low as fifty during the late War and as by the Act under which these Bills were emitted certain Duties and Taxes were laid which would certainly bring them into the Office to be sunk before the end of the year 1763 their value was never depreciated but continued rather to increase so that for some time before they were sunk six Shillings in such Bills passed in all payments as a Spanish Dollar or six Shillings American for one. To sink these Bills the Act imposed a Stamp Duty a Duty on Negroes Horses Pitch Tar and carpenters imported, a Tax on Sand and on Butcherers, an Excise on spirituous liquors and a Fine on Ordinary and Save on Licences by which so hath been estimated the forty thousand Pounds hath been sunk so that after the 1st of September next there will be no Paper Currency or Bills of Credit circulating in this Province except such as have been emitted in the Neighbouring Colonies and may for want of a sufficient Quantity of specie in circulation be brought in and paid away to the Inhabitants of this Province.

Read the Report of the Conviction of Negro Aid Slave of the Reverend John Wigham's demand whereby it appears the Justice of the Peace County had passed Sentence of Death upon the said Negro in March last for a Felony by him Committed in breaking and entering the House of the said John Wigham and Stealing therefrom a considerable sum of Money and a Report of the Justice of the same County that the said Negro Aid was by the advice and procurement of some white Persons prevailed on to commit the said Fact and therefore recommend the said Slave as a proper object of his Excellency's Mercy.

Read the Conviction of Negro Stephen Slave of John Stephenson of Baltimore County whereby it appears that the Justice of Baltimore County Court had passed Sentence of Death upon the said Negro at last June Court for a certain Felony by him committed in breaking and entering the House of the said John Stephenson and Stealing therefrom two Barrells of Gunpowder.

Ordered Dead Warrant for the Execution of the said Negro on Friday the 26th of this instant July which issued accordingly.

Read the Conviction of Negro Lucy Slave of William Homsey of Queen Anns County whereby it appears that Justice of Queen Anns County Court had on the fourth Tuesday in June last passed Sentence of Death upon the said Negro for a certain Murder by him Committed on the Body of John Smith.

Ordered Dead Warrant for the Execution of the said Negro on Wednesday the 21st of this instant July which issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the Governours on the 27th day of September in the fourteenth Year of his Serenities Dominion
 Anno Domini 1763.

Present.

The Excellency Nathaniel Jones Secy Governours