

There was a suit of a Riot committed by Thomas Hynes, and others against Conrad Wheat, his Family much abused they was taken by a precept and brought before me and was like to be bound over to Court, but to save themselves Thomas Hynes gets the Girl on his Lap and was very Sweet, I seeing that says to Hynes as you have spoiled the Girl and taken her credit from her you ought to marry her, he said, I have not much against it I will consider of it, the Father of the Girl made answer that he would give them thirty Pounds and a five Pound Wedding and upon the whole they agreed to be married as the Evidences tells me they was fairly married by Evan Shelby Esq.

The Evidences were
 Joshua Necks Arch. Magor
 Will. Hart Christ. Matson
 John Rice Eliz. Warford.

I retired that the Clerk of this Board acquaint Messrs. Shelby and Warford of the Complaint made against them, and to deliver them copies of the different Papers containing the Accusations against them if they desire it, and in case these gentlemen chuse to enter into a Justification of their Conduct, the third Thursday in October next is fixed upon to hear the Parties of which they are to have timely Notice. Ordered also that the Clerk write the following Letter to John Linnall Esq. Clerk of Frederick County.

Sir
 I am directed by the Governor and Council to acquaint the Magistrates of your County who lately presented a Complaint against Messrs. Evan Shelby and Mr. Joseph Warford two Members of this Body, that Mr. Shelby having denied the Truth of several of the Facts alledge against him, they will on Thursday the 16. of October next examine into the Foundation of the Complaint. You will be pleased to communicate this to these Gentlemen at the next Meeting of your Court, that if they chuse to support the Accusation they may take proper Measures for that purpose.

I am Sir your most humble Servant,
 Upton Scott Esq. Secy.

Annapolis M. August 1766.

Read the Transcript of the conviction of Sigr. Jack Slave of Hugh Hopewell of St. Marys County convicted of breaking open his Masters Store, and also the following Letters to his Excellency recommending him as an Object of Mercy.

May it please your Excellency

I have a Man Slave named Jack. Now under Sentence of Death in this County for making use of a false Key, and thereby stealing goods, value to the value of £2. 10. Current Money, he was convicted on his own Confession of the fact he was being before Magistrates, and is the first Crime he has been guilty of, as I have the greatest Reason to believe that he is sincerely sorry for his Crime, and will not be guilty of an Offense of this Nature for the future. I hope your Excellency will be pleased to extend your Mercy towards him, and grant him a Pardon, which will greatly oblige

St. Marys County

23. June 1766.

Your Excellency's

Obedient and humble Servant,
 Hugh Hopewell.

Sir

My friend Mr. Hopewell, having a Sigr. Man Slave under Sentence of Death in St. Marys County and intending to make Application to your Excellency for a Pardon, requested of me to Write you on the Subject. The Man was condemned for opening his Masters Store with a false Key, which he had procured and stealing Goods not of great Value, his Conviction was on his own Confession, and his Master assures me that this was his first Offense, and that he is a very valuable Slave. Under those Circumstances, it is I am sure that you will be pleased to Pardon him, I shall be much obliged to you.

Rowsey Hall

15. June 1766.

I am with sincere Esteem and Respect
 Your Excellency's most Obedient and humble Servant
 Will. M. Fitzhugh.