

Sir

By this Express your Excellency will receive the Proceedings of our Court relating to the Trial and Condemnation of a Slave the Property of Mr. Hugh Hopwell, his Crime not being of a very heinous Nature, and his Master desirous of saving him as it was his first Offence, and he a very valuable Fellow, I am induc'd to solicit your Excellency's Pardon for him. I am not fond of having Rogues escape Punishment, but on the contrary should rather choose they should suffer as Examples to others, particularly Negroes, among whom Villainy and Requery is but too common, yet on this Occasion I must hope your Excellency will grant what is desired.

22. June 1766.

I am with great Regard your Excellency's most
Obedt and Obliged humble Servant

Geo. Slater.

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Pardon issue to the aforesaid Negro Jack, which issued accordingly.

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Negro Jonathan Slave of Basil Smith of Charles County convicted of Robbing the House of a certain Smallwood Thompson, and likewise Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Negro George Slave of Henry Brent of Charles County convicted of Robbing the House of a certain Will. Beck.

Ordered that the Consideration of the above Convictions be postponed until some further Information can be procured relating to the Characters of the Men, and also Ordered that the Clerk of this Board Write the following Letter to Philip Richard Fendall Esq. Clerk of Charles County.

Sir I am directed by the Governor and Council to acquaint you that the Transcripts of the Convictions of Negro George the Slave of Henry Brent, and of Negro Jonathan the Slave of Basil Smith both found guilty of Felony, at your last June Court having been laid before them they have deferred coming to any Determination about these Slaves until they can learn some further Particulars concerning their Characters and the Circumstances that appeared at their Trials. You will be pleas'd to acquaint the Magistrates of your County with this at their next Meeting that they may have an Opportunity of Communicating the Information wanted.

I am Sir

Your most humble Servant

Upton Seal (Sd) Con.

Annapolis
2. August 1766.

Read the following Letter from the Justices of the Provincial Court relating to the Convictions of Henry Gregory of Annapolis County Blacksmith, and Peter Beech of Prince Georges County Labourer.

May it please your Excellency

We the Justices of the Provincial Court do humbly represent to your Excellency that Henry Gregory of Annapolis County Blacksmith has been indicted, tried and convicted of Burglary and Sentence of Death has been pronounced against him this present Court, We also represent to your Excellency that Peter Beech late of Prince Georges County Labourer has been indicted, tried and convicted of Felony and Sentence of Death hath been likewise pronounced against him. We are Sory that there did not appear any favourable Circumstances in the Course of their Trials to induce us to recommend them to your Excellency for Mercy.

31. July 1766.

We are with the highest Respect your Excellency's
most Obedt and most humble Servants

Jas. Drice B. Hands.
J. Hepburns

The Consideration of the above Convictions is Postponed.

C. M.