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of George Clift. to whom he confessed the breaking of the House and Stealing the things laid in the Indictment, and by Nathaniel Cox who proved his having lost the Goods and that the Negro made the same Confession to him that he had done to Clift. Negro David was Indicted upon the Act of Assembly for attempting to Poison and Murder his Master, and found guilty upon the clearest Evidence viz. his Confession to several Persons and before the Court and Jury on his Oath, and the Testimony of a female Slave who was Privy to his preparing a Dose composed of Ground Puppies and other Ingredients which he supposed Poisonous with intent to give it to his Master. The Evidence upon all the three Indictments was such as left the Court and Jury not the least Room to Doubt of the Guilt of the Prisoners.

We are

Your Excellency's most Obedt. Servants  
Ridson Berman Jas. Dickinson  
Edw. Oldham. Jon<sup>r</sup>. Nichols  
Tristram Thomas

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that Death Warrant issue for the Execution of the aforesaid Negro Nero, and Negro David on Wednesday the 14. day of January next which issued accordingly.

A Council held at the Governours on Wednesday the  
14. January in the Sixteenth year of his Lordships  
Dominion Anno Domini 1766.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The honble Benjamin Tasker, Daniel Dulany, and John Ridout Esq.<sup>rs</sup>

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Daniel Dunn of Frederick County and also the following Letter from Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Darnall, Charles Jones and David Lynn, relative thereto.

Sir  
In consequence of a Special Commission from your Excellency to us Directed, Daniel Dunn of Frederick County was Tried and Condemned for feloniously Stealing and Robbing upon the High Way from M<sup>r</sup>. Ruhamah Chaplin several goods the Property of M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Chaplin. We are joyntly to inform your Excellency that the Evidence against the Prisoner was full and clear and that there is not one Circumstance in his favour.

We are

Your Excellency's most Obedient Servants

John Darnall  
Charles Jones  
David Lynn.

Frederick Town

20. December 1766

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Death Warrant issue for the Execution of the said Daniel Dunn on Wednesday the 20. Ins. which issued accordingly.