

Prayed to be left out of the Commission until enabled by the Recovery of his former Health to serve his
Lordship, your Excellency's Condescension in favour, and for the great relief of your Petitioners the
Inhabitants of this Neighbourhood and others shall ever be most gratefully remembered and Dutifully
acknowledged - And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Pray Do.

James Richard Benjamin Mead Will^m Bond Whitehead
John Bush Henry Aram John Murray
Will^m Bond Jun^r Chahey Katten Joseph Crook
Daniel Watkins Richard Jones

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to the Gentlemen accused
in the above Petitions acquainting them of the Matters laid to their Charge.

Gentlemen

15. April 1767

I am ordered by the Governor and Council to acquaint you that two Petitions have
been presented to His Excellency signed by sundry Inhabitants of Baltimore County complaining
of your extorting various illegal and oppressive Fees for Services performed by you as Magistrates,
and that they will be glad you will take proper Measures to acquit yourselves of the Imputati-
ons laid to your Charge. You may have Copies of the Petitions upon an Application to me for
that purpose.

I am &c

Upton Scott Esq^r Secy

To
The Worshipful Mess^{rs} Muxton Gay, Benjamin Rogers,
William Asquith, Samuel Cwings, and Rich^d Richards

Read the Conviction of Negro George Slave of a certain Joseph Duvall of Prince Georges County
and also the two following Letters relative thereto.

May it please your Excellency

March 25. 1767

Negro George Slave of Joseph Duvall of this County was indicted
before us by the Grand Jury for breaking open the Meat House of William Waters Jun^r and stealing from
thence a certain Quantity of Bacon and being arraigned the fourth Tuesday of March Instant was
on a fair and legal Trial found Guilty by the Petit Jury of the Offence charged against him, he plead-
ed not Guilty and persisted to the last in his innocence.

The only Witnesses against him were one of the Magistrates of the County before whom he was first
carried and who Swore upon the Trial that the Negro confessed the fact and produced his Confessi-
on to that purpose, and the owner of the Bacon who Swore that the House was well secured and
that he was present and heard him Confess his Guilt before the Magistrate.

The Negro by his Masters Account is valuable and it seems has supported a Tolerably
good Character till this matter happened however we submit the whole to your Excellency
and are

Your Excellency's most Obed^t very humble Servants

Joshua Beall Mes^{rs} Symmes
David Crauford J^r Spring

May it please your Excellency

Prince Georges County 5. April 1767

I am informed by M^r Joseph Duvall that he hath made an Application to you to San-
don a Negro of his who was convicted at our last County Court of breaking my Meat House and
taking from thence a large Quantity of Bacon he tells me that as I am the Person injured your
Excellency requires my Acquiescence. If your Excellency is inclinable to extend your Mercy unto
the