

the poor wretch I humbly submit and am

Your Excellency's very humble servant
William Walters

To
His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor that Pardon issue for the aforesaid Negro George which
issue accordingly.

At a Council held at the Governours on Tuesday the 21.
day of April in the Seventeenth Year of his Lordships
Dominion Anno Domini 1767.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governour

The Honble Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r Daniel Dulany Esq.^r John Ridout Esq.^r and Walter Dulany Esq.^r

Reads the Transcript of the Conviction of John Wilson of Ann Arundel County condemned at Session
of the Assize held for said County for a certain Felony by him committed. The Consideration of which is
Postponed until the next Meeting.

His Excellency having represented to the Council that he had been informed that James Barrance
had taken out of the Land Office an Escheat Warrant to effect a Tract of Land called the the Resurvey
on Plunk's Doubt late the Property of George Koch of Frederick County, a German who Died seized thereof
of without having been Naturalized, and desired their Opinion thereof. This Board Unani-
mously concurs in advising his Excellency to send an Order to the Judges of the Land Office to make
out no Grant on any Certificate returned upon the above Escheat Warrant or any other Escheat
Warrant that may be taken out to effect the Lands of any Foreigner who has not been Naturalized until
his Lordships Pleasure can be known.

At a Council held at the Governours on Thursday the
30. day of April in the Seventeenth Year of His Lordships
Dominion Anno Domini 1767.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governour

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r Daniel Dulany Esq.^r John Ridout Esq.^r and Charles
Goldsborough Esq.^r

Read the following Letter from John Beale Bordley Esq.^r and the Petition of John
Wilson, and also took into Consideration his Conviction, Postponed at the last Meeting.

It is After the Conviction of the Criminal Wilson, at the Ann Arundel Assizes, Mr Justice
Ghieslin who took his Examination and Confession, informed me the Prisoner had his Promise that
if he would make a free confession and discover the Principal Offender he would use his Interest on
his behalf and that he would be favoured or spared, or Words to that effect and that he believed the
Prisoner would not have made any Confession but for the Promise.

I intended to have mentioned this to your Excellency at Mr Ghieslin's instance, but it slipped my Memory
Mr Hepburn and I thought this Circumstance could not be certified to your Excellency in our Letters,
appearing not till after the Conviction and we were to speak of the Evidence delivered in Court on
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