

Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands Prorogued to Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May next be further Prorogued to Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the same Month and Proclamations issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the Governours on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day  
of April in the eighteenth Year of His Majesty's Dominion Anno Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour.

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

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Richard Mansfield of Baltimore County condemned at the last Assizes held for the said County, as also a Letter from the Justices recommending the said Mansfield to His Excellency for Mercy.

May it please Your Excellency.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1760.

One Richard Mansfield was last Week convicted before us at the Assizes for Baltimore County by the Verdict of a Jury, of Stealing the Horse of One Richard Rogers; The Evidence delivered in Court justified the Verdict, but gave room for a belief in us that the Prisoner took the Horse only to his Habitation, a few Miles and then let him go and that he might intend no more.

The Prisoner made no Defence, but on being brought up to receive Sentence gave an affecting Relation of his Wife being delivered of a Child in a Solonsome Wood cutters Cabin without Assistance and that his Master being from Home he went to Town for Rum and Sugar for her a foot and being related was uneasy for his Wife and seemed tacitly to admit the taking the Horse in Order <sup>to get</sup> the sooner to her.

This Account induced us to inquire and examine Witnesses on Oath concerning the Truth of it which fully affirm it with a favourable Character of him delivered on Oath by his Master John Lockey Owner a reputable Farmer who also produced an Indenture proving him to be no convict from abroad, Under these Circumstances we cannot but recommend the Prisoner to Your Excellency as an Object of Mercy.

And are Sir Your Excellency's most Obedt. Humble Servants.

J. Hepburn.

J. B. Bordley.

Whereupon it is Ordered by His Excellency the Governour with the Advice of this Board that a Pardon issue in favour of the said Mansfield which was issued accordingly.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Remonstrance of the Reverend Mr. Philip Hughes and several other Papers relative thereto.

The Remonstrance of the Reverend Philip Hughes Rector of Coventry.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Remonstrant was Inducted to the Parish of Coventry on the fifth day of last December 1767, and immediately repaired thither hearing of the factious Spirit, which did prevail among some of the Parishioners, and earnestly desirous to have Peace restored on the sound Basis of Harmony, and good will, your Remonstrant obtained Letters from a very worthy Gentleman, to facilitate an Introduction to the two Principal Persons in the Opposition to a Lawful Induction, and the reputed Authors of all the disturbances and distractions begun by them and fomented among some deluded People.

That he met his Vestry on the 21<sup>st</sup> of said Month in the Church Yard of Rahoboth, that his Induction was then and there Read, that the Church had been secured by the Vestry with Bolts and Nails, and the Key taken from the Sexton, by them, some Weeks before your Remonstrant was appointed.

That