

All a Council held at the Governours on Tuesday the 24. Day
of May in the Eighteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour
The Honble { Benjamin Tashed Esq.
Benedict Calvert Esq.
Daniel Dulany Esq.
John Ridout Esq.
Walter Dulany Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint this Board, that he has received Instructions, from His Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, to appoint John Beale Bordley Esq. a Member of His Lordships Honourable Council, and of the Upper House of Assembly of this Province, who, being present, took the several Oaths to the Government, required by Law, as also the usual Oath of assent, repeated and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test, and then took his seat at the Board accordingly.

Read the Transcript of the conviction of Judoe Fitzgerald, condemned, at the last Assizes held in Dorchester County, for breaking into the Store House of a certain Clement Bailey of said County, and stealing from thence sundry Articles of Merchandize, the Goods and Chattels of the said Clement Bailey.

Ordered by His Excellency the Governour, with the Advice of this Board that a Pardon issue to the said Judoe Fitzgerald, on Condition of his leaving the Province within ten days from the time of his Delivery out of Goal, and the Continent of America in two Months after, never to return again.

All a Council held at the Governours on Friday the 27. Day
of May in the Eighteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour
The Honourable Benedict Calvert John Ridout Walter Dulany John Beale Bordley Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Petition of Abraham Becraft of Frederick County
To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour and Commander in Chief and over the Province of Maryland.

The Humble Petition of Abraham Becraft of Frederick County most humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner was, at a County Court held for Frederick County in the Month of March last, Indicted, tried, and found guilty of a Felony in Stealing some Hogs, the Property of a certain Conrad Sutterer, That your Petitioner was so unhappy as to be found guilty by the Jury, yet your Petitioner begs leave to assure your Excellency, that he was found guilty of a Felony on a very weak and doubtful Testimony, that he was wholly innocent of Theft, or the least Intention to steal the Hogs of the said Conrad Sutterer. Your Petitioner begs leave further to state to your Excellency the Fact which happened in the following manner, viz. That your Petitioners Father George Becraft having lost some Hogs for a considerable time, and being informed by a certain Joseph Gosting that he had seen them in the Woods, went with your Petitioner into the Woods, and having found some Hogs, which your Petitioner, and his Father, then thought was the Property of your Petitioners Father, drove them into the Inclosures of the said George Becraft, That your Petitioner never claimed any of the said Hogs as his Property, nor in any manner whatsoever acted otherwise than is above set forth, That the said Conrad Sutterer brought a Suit against your Petitioners Father for the taking of the said Hogs, and was satisfied by him for the same, That your Petitioner humbly apprehends that any Act done by him, and proved to the Jury, could only amount to a Trespass, He also humbly apprehends that the Jury from an Error in Judgment, only Mistook the Trespass for Felony. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Excellency to grant him a Pardon. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

March 10. 1760.

Abraham Becraft