

We the subscribers recommend the within named ¹⁰ Abraham Buroft as a Person worthy of Your Excellency's Favour -

Signed by sixty eight of his Neighbours -

In consideration of the Premises, It is Ordered by his Excellency the Governour, with the Advice of this Board, that a Pardon issue to the said Abraham Buroft, which issued accordingly -

In consequence of a Petition of a certain Edward Talbot of Calvert County being lodged with the Clerk of this Board, together with sundry other papers relative thereto, Complaining of the Conduct of Col. William Ireland, Clerk of said County, in the Execution of his Office, It is therefore Ordered that there shall be a hearing on the said Petition on Tuesday the Ninth day of June next, and that the Depositions of Witnesses taken before any Magistrate, on behalf of either of the Parties, in the presence of the other, will be admitted as good Evidence at the Hearing - It is likewise Ordered that the Clerk of this Board acquaint the Parties therewith -

At a Council held at the Governours on Saturday the 20th day of May in the Eighteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governour

The Honble John Ridout Maister, Quieroy and John Steele Bordley Esquires

His Excellency having represented to the Board, that Application had been made to him by M^r James Alder for a Pardon to any one of the Offenders concerned in breaking into the said Alders House, and abusing his Wife and a Young Lady with her, in a very shocking manner, on condition of his becoming an Evidence against the other, It is their Advice that he not only issue his Proclamation, as prayed for, but that he likewise send a Message to the General Assembly recommending to them to provide a Fund for giving a publick Reward to such as will detect and bring to Justice one or both of the Villains - In consequence whereof his Excellency was pleased to send the following Message -

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly. 20th May 1760.

You will observe, by the advertisement herewith sent, what a horrid Piece of Villainy hath been perpetrated in Baltimore County. Application hath been made to me to grant my Pardon to one of the Offenders, in case he shall discover the other; but as I conceive the offer of a Reward would contribute more powerfully to detect and bring to Justice the Villains, concerned in this atrocious Offence, I recommend to You to appropriate a Sum to that Purpose, that it may be notified in my Proclamation. I might observe to You that it is not long since an Instance of a similar Nature hapned in the same County, which evinces the Necessity of pursuing the most vigorous Measures to bring such Villains to condign Punishment.

Hor^o Sharpe.

Advertisement

Hunting Ridge 21st May 1760.

Whereas two Men broke into my House on Tuesday last, and, after Rumaging below, went up Stairs into a Chamber where my Wife and a Young Lady were lying, whom they treated in a shocking and most barbarous Manner: First whetting their Knives before them, seizing them by their Throats, with many Actions as if they would murder them, except they would give their Money; and kept them in that miserable condition for four or five Hours, having wounded my Wife in the Hand, and the Young Lady very terribly in the Shoulder. Thereby offer a Reward of Ten Pounds, to any Person, not concerned in the Crime, that will discover the Authors or as they may be brought to Justice; and to either of the two Persons who broke the House I will give the Sum of Ten Pounds, if he will convict the other; provided I can obtain his Excellencies Pardon for him -

James Alder.

It is hoped every honest Person will discover any Person suspected, and send my Information as I am determined to spare no Cost nor Trouble to bring the Villains to Justice. They had also the Impudence to stay till almost Sun rise, tho both my Wife and the Young Lady saw some of the

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