

On Consideration of the foregoing Address, This Board are unanimously of Opinion, and Advise his Excellency to Prorogue the Assembly immediately, and in Case it shall at any time hereafter appear to him that the Lower House of Assembly hath proceeded contrary to the Spirit of the Earl of Hillsboroughs Letter, that he then issue Proclamations to Dissolve them. —

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Monday the 27th Day of June in the Eighteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The Honble Benedict Calvert, Daniel Dulany, John Ridout and Walter Dulany Esq^s.

This Day being appointed for the hearing of the Complaint of Edward Talbot against William Ireland. Edward Talbot appeared in his proper Person, and William Ireland by Council, when several Depositions and Matters relative thereto were Read, and the Testimony of Aaron Williams was heard he having been first duly Sworn, but inasmuch as Ellis Slater the Deputy Clerk did not attend according to Order, and it being alledged that sundry Depositions offered by Ed^d. Ireland were not taken in the presence of Edward Talbot the Complainant, It is Ordered that the Consideration of the Complaint be reserved, in Order that the Complainant may Examine on his part the Persons whose Depositions have been taken on the behalf of Ed^d. Ireland, at the taking whereof the Complainant was not present, and also of Examining Ellis Slater the Deputy Clerk, on Interrogatories in Writing, and it is further Ordered, that the Court Book for August Court last in Calvert County, be lodged with the Clerk of this Board, Notice to be given by the Complainant to Ed^d. Ireland of the time and place of taking the above Depositions, which after taking are to be lodged as above —

24th August 1760.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland.

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners being near Neighbours to Ezekiel Gott, and knowing his Negro Lad Tern for some Years past, who now lies under Sentence of Death for a Burglary in the House of a certain Boardley Dowers, which your Petitioners presume he committed through overpersuasion, Youth, and unexperience, he being not quite eighteen Years of Age, and your Petitioners never knew nor heard of his being guilty of or accessory to any Crime until this.

That your Petitioners also knowing that the said Ezekiel Gott, cannot directly purchase a slave that would be so servicable to him as the said Negro, and that notwithstanding the High Value the Court has been pleased to put him at, your Petitioners do apprehend that the said Ezekiel Gott would be a great sufferer at this Time, if his Negro must suffer Death. —

That your Petitioners, as Neighbours to the said Ezekiel Gott, will be under no Apprehensions of suffering in their Property if the said Negro Lad should, through Your Excellencies Mercy, be returned to his said Master.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly beseech Your Excellency will be pleased to look on the said Negro as an Object of Mercy, and if from this Representation or any other Your Excellency may collect, that You'll be pleased for the above Reasons to take this Petition into Consideration, and grant the said Negro a Pardon, if it should to Your Excellency's great Judgment appear fit —

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray

Ezekiel Gott Henry Child William Surry Edm. Cole Ralph Foster Isaac Simmonds
Benj. Harrison Saml. Child Richard Mills Rich. Green Rich. Simmonds Benj. Carr
Stephen Steward Joseph Hutton Robt. Brown Jacob Macceny Will^m Simmonds John Dakep. John