

Twenty of the said Constantines Neighbours, recommending him to his Excellency's Mercy -

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Maryland -

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Baltimore County -
Humbly Sheweth - That a certain Patrick Constantine, Your Petitioners late Neighbour, who has been always hitherto guiltless of any harsh or cruel Misdemeanour, lies now under sentence of Death for the Murder of his own Child. Your Petitioners humbly beg leave to Observe to Your Excellency, that the said Constantine, at that unguarded Hour, must have been out of his senses, to which Cause the dreadful Crime, for which he now lies under Condemnation, must, in the Opinion of Your Petitioners be wholly ascribed, for Your Petitioners humbly conceive, that no Father, in the proper Use of his reason, would be guilty of the Death of his own Child. Your Petitioners further most humbly beg leave to Observe to Your Excellency, that most of Us have known the said Constantine from a Child, and all of Us for several Years, and can assure Your Excellency that we verily believe and always understood said Constantine to be a loving Husband, and tender Father, especially to the unfortunate Deceased, who, of many Children, seemed to Us to be his Favourite, he was likewise always counted a good Neighbour. - Your Petitioners in the most humble manner implore Your Excellency's wondrous Goodness and Clemency in behalf of the miserable Criminal, his poor afflicted Wife, helpless Children and numerous Relations, upon whom his Ignominious Death would entail indelible Scandal and Disgrace to their latest Posterity - Your Petitioners therefore most humbly beg that Your Excellency would be graciously pleased to grant the said Constantine a Reprieve -

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Whereupon Consideration of the Premises being had, It is the humble Advice of this Board that a Pardon issue in Behalf of the said Patrick Constantine, which was issued accordingly -

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Thomas Robinson, condemned at the last Court of Assize held in Baltimore County, for a certain Burglary by him committed, and also the Petition of Alexander M. Mehan, Master of the aforesaid Thomas Robinson, recommending him to his Excellency as an Object of Mercy -

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland - The Petition of Alexander M. Mehan of the Town and County of Baltimore - Humbly Sheweth.

That Your Excellency's Petitioner was the Master of a certain Thomas Robinson, a Youth not exceeding sixteen Years of Age, and who came into this Country in the Year One Thousand Seven hundred and sixty five. - That the said Thomas Robinson behaved, during the space of One Year and an half's Servitude, with utmost and most punctual Fidelity, to the great Satisfaction of Your Petitioner and his Family - That the said Lad is naturally very simple, not having that reflection necessary to draw Consequences, whereby he was unfortunately worked upon by the Persuasions of Villainous People, so that he Climbed down Your Petitioner's Chimney and stole out of the Drawer One Dollar, of which Crime the Grand Jury became acquainted, and he was thereupon Truly convicted and sentenced to be Hanged at Our last Assize Court - That Your Petitioner conceives it was easy for him to perfect the aforesaid Crime, as he was a Chimney Sweeper, and had Orders from Your Petitioner to perform that Service as often as should think necessary -

That the Simplicity of the said Thomas may clearly appear from his Tryals, for when on Trial, when he was to have made his Defence, and no Witness sufficient against him