

Bonds, Notes of Hand, and other Evidences had been left with their Attornies. James Richard is in Custody charged with several Sarcenies, and was generally suspected of knowing, at least, what had become of the Stolen Papers. some of the Lawyers therefore urged Richard to a discovery, under their repeated Promise of an Application to your Excellency to extend Mercy to him by granting him a general Pardon, and a Pardon to the Person who broke the House and stole the Papers and his Accomplices for that Fact. These Promises have had such a good Effect, that Richard has returned all the Papers - It remains with us may it please your Excellency to request that you will be pleased to Exercise your usual Clemency, under these Circumstances where Numbers receive great Benefit from the strong hopes entertained of forgiveness. -

We are, Your Excellency, most Obedt. hble Servants

Baltimore Town 3. November 1769.

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On Consideration of the aforesaid Petition it is the Unanimous Advice and Opinion of this Board that His Excellency should not grant a Pardon to the said James Richard.  
 Read and Rejected the Petition of Michael Kirpatrick. -

At a Council held at the Governours on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
 December in the Eighteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1769 -  
 Present:

The Honble { Daniel Dulany Esq.<sup>r</sup>      Walter Dulany Esq.<sup>r</sup>  
                   { John Ridout Esq.<sup>r</sup>      John Beale Bordley Esq.<sup>r</sup> }

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint this Board, that repeated and strong Applications have been again made to him for the Pardon of James Richard, by the Lawyers whose papers he had returned; and desires their Advice whether it may be prudent to grant him a Pardon in consequence of these solicitations. It is the Unanimous Opinion of this Board that no Pardon ought to be granted before his Triall -

At a Meeting of the Council held at the Governours on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of Februiary in the Eighteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1769.  
 Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup> Governour

The honble Daniel Dulany John Ridout and John Beale Bordley Esq.<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint this Board, that he has received Instructions from His Lordships the Right honourable the Lords Proprietary, to appoint George Stewart Esq.<sup>r</sup> a Member of his Lordships 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 Councillors, repeated and subscribed the Oath of abjuration and Test, and then took his seat at the Board accordingly -

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter which he received from the honble John Penn Esq.<sup>r</sup> together with sundry other papers relative thereto, and desires their Advice thereon.

Sirs