

from thence a quantity of Bacon. The Evidence against him consisted of his own Confession, which appeared to have been voluntarily made, and some pretty strong Circumstances winning his guilt. He seemed to be extremely Ignorant, and not at all acquainted with the Penalty by Law inflicted on the Crime he had committed. We have directed the Clerk to Transmit to Your Excellency a Transcript of the Proceedings and are Your Excellency's most Obedt. Servants

December 16. 1700.

Jas. Beall
Alex. Symmer
Rich. Duckett Junr.
James Aron
Joseph Sprigg

Ordered that the Consideration of this Matter be postponed.

Read the following Petition of James Richard, of Baltimore County, convicted of Larceny at the last November Court, held in and for the said County, for which he was sentenced to be Whipped and Stand in the Pillory.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Maryland.

The Petition of James Richard of Baltimore County.

Most humbly sheweth to Your Excellency.

That your Unfortunate and most Unhappy Petitioner, truly sensible of the great Mercy to him already shewn by Your Excellency, craves leave in most humble manner to acknowledge Your unmerited Commiseration in this behalf. Truly sensible thereof your wretched Petitioner's grateful Heart, must ever, and in its last most arduous Moments, particularly remember the Merciful Author of its future Tranquility.

That Your wretched Petitioner, having been informed by M^r. Thomas Johnson Junior, whose publick Promise he has to wait on Your Excellency in his behalf, Your Excellency upon certain Conditions, may perhaps out of Regard to his Relatives, and in tender Commiseration of his Age, be induced to extend further Mercy, thereby as well as by Your Excellency's innumerable Acts of Clemency, encouraged, Your Petitioner in most humble manner entreats he may find Mercy, as that also should it be your Pleasure, he must in his old Age seek for a livelihood in another Place, such time as to your Wisdom shall seem meet may be allowed him to settle his Affairs, being involved in sundry Suits, and his small Estate mortgaged to Mess^{rs}. Ridgely and Taylor, who seeing your wretched Petitioner sunk into the Earth, have by unjust Law Proceedings endeavour'd to avail themselves thereof, and would have succeeded, having procured unwarrantable Possession, had not Providence influenced the true Friends of Mankind, the Honourable Bevil Bondley Esq. to oppose such their unjust Proceedings, against your otherwise defenceless Petitioner. In tender Commiseration of Your wretched Petitioner's Relative, the worthy Family of Sir Theodores Janzen Deceased, nearly allied to the Right Honourable the Proprietary of this Province; tho' now unworthy of them, by the late Plague he has received, worse to Your wretched Petitioner than Death, suffer him in most humble manner to plead your wondrous Mercy first, and for their sake, to pardon the most wretched of Men. — And Conscious of your Excellency's great Mercy Your Petitioner, with the sincerest Heart, which any Gratitude must excite in his Breast, shall ever pray for Your Excellency as next to Almighty God, the Author of his future Welfare.

James Richard

Upon Consideration of the aforesaid Petition, His Excellency with Advice of this Board, was pleas'd to Order a Pardon to issue in favour of the said James Richard, upon Condition of his leaving the Province within Forty days from the date thereof, and never to return again, which issued accordingly.