

I shall ever think it incumbent on me to give the greatest Discountenance to those who do not. —

Robt. Lee.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board give immediate Notice to Richard Lee Junr Esq. that they will proceed to make a full Inquiry into the grounds of the Complaints of John Doncastle and William Wright on Friday the 15. of May next and that the said Richard Lee be directed to give Notice of this Resolution to the said Doncastle and Wright before his absence that they may attend either in Person or by Counsel on that day to support their charge and produce what Evidence they can or the Depositions of such Witnesses as cannot attend so that the said Depositions be taken in the presence of the said Richard Lee and that the said Richard Lee be acquainted that he will be indulged with the same Liberty —

Ordered likewise that the Clerk of this Board write to all the Members of his Lordships Council requiring their Attendance on that Day in the Council Chamber at Ten of the Clock in the Morning —

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Monday the 14. day of April in the Nineteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno 1770.

Were Present.

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor

The honorable { Benedict Calvert Esq.
Daniel Dulany Esq.

Walter Dulany Esq.
George Stuart Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter from the Justices of Queens Anns County. —

May it please your Excellency

Queens Town ^{the} 12. Apr. 1770.

Actuated by Motives as well of Humanity as from the Contrition of Heart with which the unhappy Criminals James alias Edward Nickers, and Absalom Scott now under Sentence of Death appear to be affected (whose Imprisonment has from necessity been attended with particular Hardship) We are induced to recommend them to your Excellencys Mercy. —

We can assure your Excellency that had not the Indisposition of Mr. Thomas Wrights Family prevented his Attendance he would have joined us in the above Application. —

We are Sir

Your Excellencys most Obed. hble. Servants
W. Lopper Furbutt Wright
Geo. Garnett

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that Pardons Issue for the abovementioned James alias Edward Nickers and Absalom Scott on Condition of their leaving the Province within ten days from the time of their delivery out of Prison and never to return again. Thereupon Pardons were Issued accordingly. — Ordered also that a Pardon Issue on the same Conditions for Rusep Williams condemned at the same Time with the above Criminals, which Issue accordingly. —

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board acquaint Richard Lee Esq. Sheriff of Charles County that the day appointed for hearing of Doncastles and Wrights Complaints against him is put off to Tuesday the 20. day of May next, Notice of which he is directed to give to the Parties concerned in the same manner as was directed by Order of this Board at their last Meeting. —