

Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

The Address of the Lower House of Assembly with the Papers and Proofs referred to therein and the several Depositions taken in pursuance of the Order of this Board and the Evidence of the Witnesses examined viva voce on the Subject of the Complaint against the Sheriff of Charles County having been read heard and considered it is the Unanimous Opinion of this Board that there are not sufficient Grounds arising from the Behaviour of the said Sheriff to inflict a further Punishment on him by removing him from his Office. —

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Samuel Pelton found guilty of Murder at the last Provincial Court, as also the following Letter from the Justices relative thereto. —

May it please your Excellency

At the present Provincial Court one Samuel Pelton has been indicted arraigned and found guilty of the Murder of a certain Abraham Bellor of Frederick County and Sentence of Death has been pronounced against him. He was convicted on full positive proof by two Witnesses. — A Transcript of the Record is ordered to be laid before you. —

We are Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obedient  
humble Servants

W. Hayward

Philip Thomas Sec.

May 2. 1770.

Whereupon it was Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Death Warrant issue for the Execution of the aforesaid Samuel Pelton on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of this Instant May, which was issued accordingly —

At a Council held at the Governors on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Day of June in the Twentieth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno 1770.

Were Present.

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor.

The Honble { Daniel Dulany Esq.<sup>d</sup>      Walter Dulany Esq.<sup>d</sup>  
                  { John Ridout Esq.<sup>d</sup>      George Stuart Esq.<sup>d</sup>

Read the Transcripts of two Convictions of Negro Abraham the Slave of a certain Thomas Bond of Saint Marys County One of having broke open the House of Elias Smith of the same County and stealing from thence sundry Bills of Credit of the Province of Maryland of the Goods and Chattels of the said Smith; And the other of having attempted to Ravish and carnally know a certain Eleanor Bryan of Saint Marys County Spinster against the Will of her the said Eleanor; by which said Transcripts it appears that Sentence of Death hath been passed on him the said Negro Abraham by the Justices of Saint Marys County at the last County Court held in and for the said County —

Read also the following Petitions of Eleanor Bryan, Elias Smith and Thomas Bond in behalf of the aforesaid Negro Abraham. —

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq.

May it please your Excellency

That at Saint Marys County June Court last a certain Negro Abraham the property of a certain Captain Thomas Bond of said County was indicted and convicted

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