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At a Council held at the Governours on Monday the 2^d Day of
July in the Twentieth Year of His Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governour
The Honble. { Daniel Dulany Esq.^d Walter Dulany Esq.^d
 { John Rudout Esq.^d George Stewart Esq.^d

Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Negroes Jack Wood, Davy and Jack Brains, Con-
demned at the last Prince Georges County Court for having Murdered a certain William Ellson of
said County - Read also the following Representation of the Justices, relative to the said Murder -

Upper Marlbro June 20th 1770.

May it please your Excellency - Negroes Jack Wood Jack Brains and Davy of this County have
been Indicted before us for the Murder of William Ellson the first for having given the Mortal
Wound the two others as Aiders and Abettors and upon an impartial and legal Tryal found
Guilty - Wood was condemned upon his own Confession frequently and willingly made, and
Brains and Davy upon the Evidence of Negro Webley of their having with Wood preconcerted Ellsons
Murder and their own free Confession of their presence at the Time the Fact was committed
and Assistance in endeavouring to conceal the Murder tho no Evidence of their striking - It
seems to be the Opinion of many Gentlemen of the County as well as our own that it would
be very proper to execute the Legal Sentences on these Criminals in its full Rigour We there-
fore beg leave to intimate this Matter to your Excellency that no part of this Sentence may
be remitted unless your Excellency should think it expedient to order otherwise - We have
Ordered the Clerk to transmit your Excellency a Transcript of the Proceedings, and are,

Your Excellency's most Obedient Servants

John Cooke David Crausford
Jof^{rs} Beale Alex^r Sumner
W^m Lockheims Jof^s Sprigg

Whereupon his Excellency with the Advice of this Board was pleased to Order a
Death Warrant to issue for the Execution of Negro Jack Woods on Wednesday the 4th day of
this Instant July pursuant to his Sentence and also a Death Warrant for the Execution
of Negroes Davy and Jack Brains on the same Day and pursuant to the Sentence passed on them
except that part thereof which directs their Right Hands to be cut off, the same being remitted
to the aforesaid Negroes Davy and Jack Brains - And Death Warrants were issued accord-
ingly -