

I suppose, is at home in Prince Georges (being out of services) but I am not
certain where Lieutenant Smith is. They might, I presume, to be apprised
as early as convenient that the swords are received, and of the time you
propose to deliver them.

With the highest respect

I remain your obedient

Att. Gullbreth

His Excellency

George Howard

Waverly near
Brown Tavern
A. A. County.

Dear Sir,

Council Chamber
Annapolis Aug 26 1731

I do you a pardon for Young Harding, having received
a letter from His Excellency, at the same time with yours, directing me to
make it out upon receipt of the recommendation of the Directors. His
Christian name in the recommendation of the Directors is called John
and in your letter and the recommendation of the Captains, it is called
Mulford. I felt some difficulty as a point of this discrepancy, and
to obviate the necessity of keeping the young man in prison, until the true
name could be ascertained, I have inserted both.

Nathaniel F. Williams Esquire
Baltimore

I remain truly your friend
Att. Gullbreth

Dear Sir,

Council Chamber
Annapolis August 26th 1731

I have received yours of the 24 & 25 and observed their contents.
Having at the same time received from Mr. Williams the recommendation
of Young Harding by the Directors of the Penitentiary I have made out his
Pardon and shall forward it to Mr. Williams. I shall not make
out the Demand for the fugitive until I hear from you again. It has
been usual I believe the invariable practice to make such demands
whenever a day has been furnished of a party being charged with any
crime and having fled. I have doubts of the necessity or propriety
of making these demands, proving trivial offences. They are attended
with considerable expense, and are generally productive of no good, but
often of positive evil by bringing back to the State and turning loose
amongst us, wretched characters, who would otherwise be restrained
by the fear of punishment. But usage is entitled to respect, and right
not to be departed from without due consideration. At the last meeting
of the Council a suggestion was made and it appeared to me very generally
acquiesced in, that the pay heretofore allowed to a party was too much,
and it was talked of, that in future it should be half the sum instead
of 3/4. A V. Entry on this subject, however, was made, but I think
quite likely that the members of the Council supported the matter being
settled; and that the per diem in future was to be half the sum.

Place