

- Articles for Surveyors at several places
- Articles for speedy and easy Justice for small debts
- A Supplement to the several Warrants for erecting of Free Schools
- A Supplement to the Act for promoting such persons as shall undertake to build watermills

Adjourne till Monday morning
 Monday October 15 1694

Council late and were all present

Read the House of Burgesses Answer to the petition of George Mason & William Burley Prisoners under the sentence of death which said petition and Answer run in these following words viz

To His Excellency the Governour and honorable Assembly of Maryland now sitting the 27 of 7 1694

The humble petition of the distressed prisoners George Mason and William Burley

Sheweth

That your petitioners for these many years last past have been confined the more willing to dye then live to put the Country to so vast a charge as an eternal Impiourment will create

Wherefore humbly pray we may be brought before this honorable house by seeking your Excellency and this Great Assembly to enquire into the Commission by which we were tried whether there were any or no Oath either it was of Oyer and terminer under that seal and as the Law directs and no otherwise & whether our present Circumstances may not admit us to Bail upon such Security as this honorable house shall think fit &c &c

By the Assembly October 10 1694

According to the petitioners desire this house have enquired into the legality of the Commission by which they were tried and say that upon the death of Mr John Payne his Brother Doctor Payne of London petitioned their Majestys that Justice might be done upon the persons accused of his Brothers murder which was the petitioners and one Woodcock that upon the same their Majestys sent their Letters mandatory to the then present Government of this Province the Commission lawfully Authorized and Appointed by their Majestys who upon receipt thereof did constitute certain Justices by a Special Commission from their Majestys to be a Provincial Court and to have Cognizance of all pleas of the Crown and civil matters within this Province and that the said Justices so constituted and after a Council of twelve good and legal men that the petitioners with the said Woodcock according to law passed sentence of death upon them but after Justice Woodcock Confessing the fact was done by him only and that the other were not