

Upper house February 17th

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This house desire to be informed by the Lower house what they conceive is fitt to be done with the Susquehannah Indians who are said to be now at Patuxent River.

This House is Adjourned for two hours.

The house met

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Present

{	The Governor	}	M ^r : Chew--	
	Chancellor			
	Secretary			M ^r : Truman
	Sur Gen ^l			M ^r : Taylor

Comes into the house a Petition of the Lower house as followeth Viz^t

To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq^r Lieutenant General and Chief Iudge of the Provincial Court of the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary—

The humble Petition of the Deputies and Delegates of the Lower House of Assembly

Humbly Sheweth to your Excellency

That whereas John Cowman being Arraigned Convicted and Condemned upon the statute of the first of King James of England &c for Witchcraft Conjuraction Sorcery or Enchantment used upon the Body of Elizabeth Goodale and now Lying under that Condemnation, and hath humbly Implored and Beseeched Us your Lordships Petitioners to Mediate and Intercede in his behalf with Your Excellency for a Reprieve and Stay of Execution—

Your Excellencies Petitioners do therefore accordingly in all Humble Manner beseech your Excellency that the Rigour and Severity of the Law to which the said Condemned Malefactor hath Miserably Exposed himself may be Remitted and Relaxed by the Exercise of your Excellencys Mercy & Clemencie upon so wretched and Miserable an Object

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray &c

Signed by Order of the house Robert Ridgley Cl

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The Lieutenant General hath Considered of the Petition here above and is willing upon the request of the Lower house that the Condemned Malefactor be reprieved and Execution Stayed, Provided that the Sheriff of S^t Maries County carry him to the Gallows, and that the rope being about his neck it be there