

Original Journal. better Assurance & Security of the Inhabitants there who we have Occasion to believe upon their being drawn off will be so far discouraged Even to quitt Some of the Externest Settlements to our Dishon^r and Encouragem^t of our ill Neighbours the Indians who will rejoyce thereat therefore we desire you will Consideratly Concert this matter viz. Whether they shall be further Continued or Totally disbanded and give us your Opinion and reasons for the one or for the other. We further recomend to you by some Act this Sessions to Continue the Comittee for Consulting what Measures are to be taken for the Safety and Defence of the Province against the Invasions and Incursions of Indians as formerly.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Concil.

The Board adjourned till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning

Friday May the 16th 1701

p. 40 The Councill in Assembly Sate Present as Yesterday

Read the Petition of M^r Thomas Reynolds Sherriffe of Ann Arundell County setting forth That for the Executions of three late Malefactors he had not been satisfied therefore which being represented to the Board to have allways been allowed to former Sherriffs It is recommended to the house that he be allowed what has been usuall.

Then read the following Petition on hehalfe of John Bracher viz^t

Maryland ss.

To his Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Governo^r in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland & Territorys thereunto belonging.

The most humble Petition of us the Subscribers under written in all humble Manner submissively Sheweth

That we your most humble Supplicants as well Considering the great age, as also the Grossness of the Crime laid to the Charge of John Pracher of Charles County of which said Crime the Law hath Justly found him guilty, Notwithstanding we your Excellencys Petition^{rs} not being unsencible of your great Clemency and Mercy Imboldens us to Prostrate these att your Excellency's Feet in hopes that we may receive in behalfe of the forementioned Prisoner your Ex^{cy}s Gracious favour & mercy that you will be pleased to grant unto him a reprieve for his life for what time yo^r Ex^{cy} shall think Convenient and not Suffer his grey

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