

Lib. J. R. Excellency, but if you please to hear me I will now declare
& U. S. the Truth, and then he proceeded as follows.

The Recantation and Confession of William Marshall als Johnson, made before his Excellency and the Council the 29th November 1756.

p. 147 My real Name is William Marshall and not Johnson, I was indeed born as I have been told near Marcus Hook in the province of pensilvania, but of protestant parents, and I have also been brought up in that Religion I have been informed that when I was very young my parents removed from pensilvania into Baltimore County, and rented a small plantation in Gunpowder Neck, about a Year after such their Removal my Father died and the next Winter my Mother left that part of the Country, and going up into the Forrest became a House-keeper to one William Rice a Widower, her Family at that time consisted of three Daughters, and myself, one of my Sisters stayed in the Neck, and went to live with a certain John de Brulier, another of my Sisters hired herself soon after to Francis Freeman, and the third to Roger Donahew. I was then about 5 Years old, and when I was 6, my Mother bound me an Apprentice to one Abraham Jerrard a Tanner and Shoemaker, who lives about five Miles from Jacob Bull's Mill on the decease of Rice my Mother returned to Pensilvania and was married to one Jos: Foresight, but before I had served out my Apprenticeship and when I was about 18 Years of Age, she came down to Baltimore to see me and my Sisters, who were all then married, visiting my Master she prevailed with him to give me up my time and set me at Liberty; and soon afterwards her Husband my Father in Law came down and took me home with him to a plantation near Willings Town that he rented of one William Derrickson, and I lived with him there and worked for him on his plantation about a Month, I then hired myself to M^r Derrickson, and served him almost a Year, afterwards I worked with one John Bird, Lelif Peterson, and several others in that Neighbourhood during the space of two Years. I then came back to Baltimore County to see my Sisters, and after 6 Weeks returned again to my Father in Law's and thence went over Delaware, and worked about two Years and a half with John Mounts, Peter Boone, and several other persons in penn's Neck. thence I removed to Gloucester County, and I and one Wicks undertook to saw a quantity of Ship plank there for one Solomon Lippencut, we performed our Contract in 4 Months, and I then hired myself to one James Steelman, and worked for him and others in that Neighbourhood about a Year at plantation Business,