

founded had such uncertainty in it, that it was neither clear the said Ben was the Felon, (the attempt having been made in the Night, and in an House without Light, where Objects could not well be discovered,) nor (if he was the Person) that his Intention was to Ravish. We take the Liberty to recommend him as a proper Object of Your Excellency's Pardon

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J. Goldsborough Jon^a Nicols
R. Goldsborough W^m Martin
Ja^s Dickinson

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

We the Subscribers, being the Jurors that passed upon the Trial of Negro Ben (slave of Rachel Harrison of Talbot County) for committing an Assault on the Body of Eve Shannahan, with design to Commit a Rape upon the Body of the said Eve, and we being very desirous that your Excellency would extend Your Mercy to the said Ben, do beg leave to recommend him to Your Excellency as apprehending that the Law in that Case is extremely severe, and being satisfied that the attempt made upon the Woman brings him within the Description of that Act, yet Notwithstanding, as the Fellow before bore a good Character, the Attempt but small, and the Evidence not so clear as we could wish, we hope your Excellency will grant Pardon to the said Ben. And Your Petitioners will pray.

March 13th 1769.

Daniel Sherwood for ⁿ	John Stevens	Henry Banning
Sam ^l Dickinson	N. Goldsborough	G: Dawson
John Thomas	Thomas Harrison	Isaac Palmer
Edw ^d Nidils	Joseph Bowley	Joseph Harrison.

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor, with the Advice of this Board, that a Pardon issue for the above mentioned Negro Ben, which issued accordingly.

Read the Transcripts of the Conviction of Negro George, the Slave of Thomas Lingam of Baltimore County, and Negro Sam, the Slave of the Rev^d Hugh Dean of said County, Condemned, at the last March Court held in Baltimore County, for breaking open and Robbing the Meat House of a certain Jacob Davis of Baltimore County aforesaid.

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor, with the Advice of this Board, that Pardons Issue for the aforementioned Negroes George and Sam, which were Issued accordingly.