

Lib. C. B. No. 20 Seventeen hundred and Sixty Nine was Possessed of a Negro Man Slave called Tom who was Indicted in the County Court of Somerset in November Term in the Year aforesaid for Committing a Murder on a Negro Man Slave the Property of a certain John Williams of the County aforesaid upon which Indictment the said Negro Tom was arraigned Tryed and Condemned of the Charge of the Indictment afs<sup>d</sup> but forasmuch as it appeared in Evidence on the Tryal that the said Negro Tom at the time of Committing the Offence afs<sup>d</sup> was much Intoxicated with Liquor and that the aforesaid Act was done immediately after the said Tom's being thrown into a Bunch of Briars by the Slain in the Heat of Passion, Your Petitioners therefore pray your Excellency's Clemency in favor of the Prisoner and that you will be pleased to grant him a Reprieve. And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray.

Jane Strawbridge	William Gullet
William Strawbridge	Joseph Ward
John Bowland	Matthew Ward
James Pope Jun <sup>r</sup>	William Warwick
Archibald Stett	James Furniss
W <sup>m</sup> Mathis	William Fleming
Stephen Heath	John Benston
George Gullet	James Bowland.

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor that a Reprieve issue during Pleasure on behalf of the said Negro Tom, which Issued accordingly.

p. 88 At a Council held at the Governor's on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the 19<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor  
 Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>                      John Beale Bordley Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Papers desiring their Advice thereon.

A Transcript of the Conviction of Reese Williams found Guilty of a Robbery on the High Way in Queen Anns County, at an Especial Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the said County on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February last, which being Read and Considered it was Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Reprieve Issue for the