

said Reese Williams during Pleasure, which Issued accordingly. Lib. C. B.
No. 20

The Transcripts of the Convictions of Absalom Scott and James (alias Edward) Vickers for breaking open and Robbing the Store of Joshua Clarke of Queen Anns County, of which they were found Guilty at the said Especial Court for the County afs^d which being Read and Considered. His Excellency with the Advice of this Board was pleased to Order that Death Warrants should be Issued for the Execution of them the said Absalom Scott and James als Edward Vickers, on Wednesday the 2^d day of May next, which issued accordingly.

Read the following Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Somerset County.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^{rs} Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Somerset County humbly Sheweth that whereas your Petitioners are well informed that one of the Justices of the County afs^d with some of the Inhabitants have undertaken to recommend a certain Negro Man named Tom the property of M^{rs} Jane Strawbridge lately Condemned in the said County Court for Murther as an Object of Mercy to your Excellency, And Whereas your Petitioners are well assured that the Granting a Pardon to said Negro will have a bad Tendency and Endanger in future the Lives and Properties of the said Inhabitants. Your Petitioners therefore humbly hope that your Excellency will not extend your Clemency to said Negro Tom as it is Notorious his Character has always been that of a Villain of the blackest dye. And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Somerset March 23^d 1770.

Signed by Levin Dashiell	Edw ^d Waters Jun.
W ^m Adams	Thomas Dashiell
W ^m Horsey	Henry Lawes
W ^m Winder	Peter Waters
John Adams	Esme Bayley, and 73 others, Inhabitants of Som ^t County, afs ^d

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that a Death Warrant Issue for the Execution of the abovementioned Negro Tom on Wednesday the 11th day of April next which issued accordingly.

Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands Prorogued to Tuesday the 8th day of May next be further Prorogued until Tuesday the 7th day of August next and Proclamations issued accordingly.