

Pardons for Horse-theft, 1726-1775

Reasons for

All Classes

Reason	Free Whites	Ser-vants	Convict Servants	Slaves	Total
Pleaded guilty; object of mercy	1	0	0	0	1
Pleaded guilty	2	0	0	0	2
Object of mercy	0	0	1	0	1
Confessed; pleaded guilty; justices point out extenuating circumstances: tried to carry off girl whose master would not sell her or permit her to marry; justices say people want pardon	1	0	0	0	1
Petition of inhabitants of Anne Arundel and Frederick counties	1	0	0	0	1
friend of victim; "the Representation of several Persons"; object of mercy; justices say evidence full and consistent	0	0	0	1	1
convict	1	0	0	0	1
Justices say					
doubt about guilt, but still recommend transportation	1	0	0	0	1
extenuating circumstances	1	0	0	0	1
inadequate evidence; respected family	1	0	0	0	1
evidence not clear and satisfactory	0	0	1	0	1
evidence incomplete: one of the witnesses might not have told the whole truth	0	1	0	0	1
probably not guilty; master says he behaved in the past and doubts guilt; petitions of respectable people, including two justices; petition of inhabitants	0	0	0	1	1
no theft intended — wife in danger	0	1	0	0	1
Young					
only twenty years old; object of mercy; petition of neighbors; neighbors say good family	1	0	0	0	1
about twenty-one years old; justices say bad master, probably will reform	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	10	2	3	2	17
No reasons given	8	2	3	8	21
Permanent reprieve for horse-theft					
No reason given	0	0	1	1	2