

Pardons for Horse-theft, 1726-1775
Total Number of Each Reason Given
All Classes

Reason	Free Whites	Servants	Convict Servants	Slaves	Total
Confessed or pleaded guilty	4	0	0	0	4
Object of mercy	1	1	2	1	5
Justices say					
extenuating circumstances — tried to carry off girl whose master would not sell her or permit her to marry	1	0	0	0	1
extenuating circumstances	0	1	0	0	1
bad master	0	0	1	0	1
probably will reform	0	0	1	0	1
people want pardon	1	0	0	0	1
doubt about guilt, but still recommend transportation	1	0	0	0	1
no theft intended — wife in danger	0	1	0	0	1
inadequate evidence	1	0	0	0	1
evidence incomplete — one of the witnesses might not have told the whole truth	0	1	0	0	1
evidence not clear and satisfactory	0	0	1	0	1
probably not guilty	0	0	0	1	1
respected family	1	0	0	0	1
Master says					
he behaved in the past	0	0	0	1	1
doubts guilt	0	0	0	1	1
Petitions of					
inhabitants of Anne Arundel and Frederick counties	1	0	0	0	1
inhabitants	0	0	0	1	1
respectable people, including two justices	0	0	0	1	1
neighbors	1	0	0	0	1
neighbors say good family	1	0	0	0	1
convict	1	0	0	0	1
friend of victim	0	0	0	1	1
several persons	0	0	0	1	1
Young					
only twenty years old	1	0	0	0	1
about twenty-one years old	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	15	4	6	8	33
No reason given	8	2	3	8	20
Permanent reprieve for horse-theft					
No reason given	0	0	1	1	2