

He freely granted your petition & the promise of Interceding with y^r Hon^r for his pardon, and the release of his bond and tedious Imprisonment.

Your Hon^r p^r v^r m^r for humbly praying that his enlargement and discharge of his bond aforesaid (Mr. Birmingham request being hereunto annexed) may by your Hon^r be mercifully granted to your B^t &c.

And your B^t in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

W^{ch} petition was then ~~read~~ subscribed (v^r.)

March 3 1685. By the Council

By the Gov^r Court

Referre to y^e Provinciall Court

Signe of Hon^r

[Signature]

Maryland so.

To the hon^r y^e Dep^y Govern^r of the Province of Maryland

His humble petition of John Casock of Charles County.

Submissively sheweth

That whereas your Hon^r humble p^r v^r at a Court held in Charles County for the R^t hon^r the Lord Prop^r on the 11th day of Novemb^r in the year of our Lord 1685. was p^r s^ted by the grand Jurors for y^e body of y^e County aforesaid, for dealing with four Negroes (belonging to the hon^r Capt. William Digger Esq^r) for two bushells of Indian peas, for which your p^r v^r did honestly satisfy and pay the said Negroes, And whereas the hon^r Capt. Wm Digger Esq^r aforesaid upon your p^r v^r request to him made as for his own p^r v^r did remitt and discharge your p^r v^r yett your Hon^r humble B^t was prosecuted in the said Court, on the behalf of the R^t hon^r the Lord Prop^r and for the same was fined one thousand pounds of tobacco, according to act of Assembly in that case made and provided; So: if your Hon^r humble p^r v^r be compelled to pay the same; it will be very much to his impoverishing and ruin, he being a poor man and antient hand almost past his labour, and also having a charge of

John Casock's }
petition