

and laid out for severall criminalls committed to his Custody
So the same is referred to the consideration of the next Assembly
Ordered that those Prisoners which we understand are in cus-
tody in Virginia for the murder of Robt. Kemble of this Province
be sent for over by Owen Gwithers Shallop and that according to a
former Letter in that behalf writ to the Governor of Virginia
his Excellency the Governor aforesaid be desired to order the deli-
very of them to the bearer the Mas^r of the said Shallop in order
to be brought to their tryall

To his Excellency the Governor and the honorable Councill
The petition of Thomas Kemiston of Hale County
humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner leased out to one Thomas South
of Culvert County aforesaid a tract of Land for a certain yearly
rent for which and some other dealings between your Petitioner
and the said South he the said South became indebted to your
Petitioner a certain sum of Tobacco that the said South having
made a crop upon the said plantation paid away the same to
one Thomas Bridges taking no care to satisfy your Petitioner his
just Dues aforesaid thereupon your Petitioner thinking he might
distrain or seize upon his own Land for his rent he did accordingly
by seize the Tobacco paid by the said South to the said Bridges, & by
him marked nailed &c^o which your Petitioner altered & scratched out
the mark and paid the same again to another Person for which he
was Indicted by the said Bridges at the County Court upon the
Statute, where he was convicted and adjudged to pay four fold and
stand in the Pillory according to the forme of the said Statute

Your Petitioner humbly offers to your Exc^o & Honours consideration
his ignorance altogether in the Law which moved him to such
irregular and rash proceedings he hath been an ancient Inhabi-
tant and well behaved himself in the said County amongst his
Neighbours and never before known to have willingly or willingly
transgressed the Laws of the Country humbly prays your Excellencys
Clemency to excuse and remitt him from the corporall Punishment
due to him according to the said Statute And shall pray &c^o

Which Petition was granted according to the following order