Sir

December 27th 1762

At our last November Court, two negroes were convicted and had sentence of death. George the Slave of Mr. Nicols, for breaking the Stone-house of William Nicols and stealing Sundry goods; and Abraham the Slave of William Coxson, for attempting to burn the Dwelling house of Thomas Hill, as your Excellency will see at large in the Records of their convictions ~~which I do~~ transmitted for your inspection.

These negroes were convicted on no other testimony than that of their own confessions, taken before a magistrate & produced as evidence against them on their Tryal. George, upon his tryal did not deny the opening the door and stealing the goods, but he denied the breaking the house. As no other testimony was brought against Abraham, but his confession [illegible] before [illegible] the [illegible] evidence, yet the [illegible] whether voluntary, [illegible] given [illegible] hand; for he had no suspicion that the Gentleman before whom the signing used any means to extort it; yet they could so well depend on the conduct of others, in which power he might have been before that time; and as neither Hill, nor any one else, was produced to declare, even any thing circumstantial against him, or why, or for what reason he was suspected and taken up; they are not well satisfied as to his guilt; and [illegible] these considerations as well as that of his youth, [illegible] circumstances; they have desired me on their behalf to [illegible] your Excellency's Mercy; either to be pardoned or reprieved [illegible] proper.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Serv

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