

**A Petition on Behalf of a Slave Accused of Treason, 7 June 1781**

To the honorable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The Petition of Mann Page one of the Executors of the Will of John Tayloe Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased, humbly sheweth, that Billy, alias Will alias William, a Mulatto Slave, late the Property of the said John Tayloe, was condemned to die for Treason by the Judgment of the Court of Prince William County; but upon Representation of the Proceedings of the said Court being made to his Excellency Thomas Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup> the then Governour of Virginia, a Reprieve was obtained for the said Slave till the last Day of the present month. Your Petitioner sensible that a Pardon for Treason can only be ~~obtained~~ granted by the Legislature, begs that he may be heard before a Committee on Behalf of the said Slave.

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