

such as you should be there than him and ever since has day and night Endeavoured to Sett his Master to beate & abuse him. Original Journal.

He ffurther declares that Charles Seevens D<sup>r</sup> Hoopers man last night told him and several others viz. John Pattin & John Kersey that before the prison was Broke Humphry the Smith ask'd his Advice & told him his Mistress had been at him several times to assist Benj<sup>n</sup> Celie in getting out of Prison But Charles said he advised him not to do it for it would be his Ruin if he did. About 2 months ago he says he saw his Mistress Rachel Freeborn go twice or thrice to the Smiths Shop the first time she Carried a pair of hinges & then his master and he were in the Shopp And Does not know that ever he saw her go to the Shop five times Ever since She has been marryed to his Master before

He says he believes in his Conscience she went to pswade the Smith to Assist Benjamine Celie for since Ben: Celie has told him Humphrey and he were to meet at the Gallows & go together.

Ordered that the Sher. of Ann Arundell County do Sumons Charles Steevens to Appear before this Board to morrow morning

The Board adjourns till to morrow morning

May 23<sup>d</sup> 1705 The Councill Sate prsent

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Governour

Thomas Tench Esq <sup>r</sup>	Col Francis Jenkins
Col John Addison	Col Edward Lloyd
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Col John Hamond	James Sanders Esq <sup>r</sup>
Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq <sup>r</sup>	

Benjamin Gather being Brought before this Board by vertue of his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Warrant is Demanded to give the best Informa- tion he can as well ag<sup>t</sup> Richard Clarke of Ann Arundell County as any his Accomplices and being Sworne on the holy Evangelist Declares that Richard Clarkes Wife some time in March last Came to his house on a Brown bay horse which she said was Daniel Meriartees her Brother she Importuned him to go up with her to Neal Clarks to Carry some things to her husband He went up with her & lay at Neals house Neale Came home very late in the Night as he told the Dep<sup>t</sup> from his mother in Law The next Day the Dep<sup>t</sup> & Clarks wife went to Richard Clark in the lane in sight of the house the Dep<sup>t</sup> Ask'd him why he lay out & told him