

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 Judgement of the Court  
of Prince William County; but upon Representa-  
tion 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.

Petition of Mann Page, executor of John Tayloe. 7 June 1781. Manuscript.  
Virginia General Assembly, Legislative petitions of the General Assembly, Prince William County,  
n.d. [received 8 June 1781]. State Government Records Collection, The Library of Virginia.  
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