

Dear Sir

As one of Col. Tayloe's Executors I take the Liberty to solicit you on Behalf of Billy a Negro Man belonging to that Estate who is now under Sentence of Death, by the Judgement of the Court of Prince William County. The Crime for which he is condemned, & the Proceedings of the Court will be made known to you by the enclosed Papers. Not entertaining a Doubt myself of the Illegality of the Sentence of the Court, I earnestly entreat you (if it can be done) to grant a Pardon to the Fellow but if that cannot be [done] to reprieve him.

I have the Honour to

be with great Respect Sir.

Your Mo. Obt. & Hble. Servant
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Mannsfield
May 13th 1781

[*endorsed on reverse*]

His Excellency
Thomas Jefferson Esquire
Governour of Virginia

May 13th 1781
Reprieve for Billy
a reprieve till the last
day of June to be made out
Tho.