Reprieve of Billy by Thomas Jefferson. 13 May 1781. Manuscript.

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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 repreive him.

I have the Honour to

be with great Respect Sir.

Your Mo. Obt. & Hble. Servant Mann Page

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.

