



DOCUMENT A: Pardon Request

The following letter from Governor Robert Hunter to the Lords of Trade, an administrative body created to strengthen coordination between colonies and the British crown, requesting a pardon.

“There is likewise a negro woman who was indeed privy to the conspiracy but pleading her belly, was reprieved, she has since delivered, but in a woeful condition, and I think has suffered more than death by her long imprisonment, if their Lordships think fit to include her, I should be pleased, for there has been much blood shed already on that account, I’m afraid too much, and the people are now easy.”

Source: Governor Robert Hunter to the Lords of Trade, 10 September 1713, in E.B. Callaghan, ed. Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, vol. V. (1885), 371.