

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council of the State of Maryland
Sir

In the polite attention of your Excellency and Council I find myself equally obliged to your attachment and honored by your approbation.

It is to have been early adopted among the Sons of Liberty, to have seen French and American Standards united in the Cause of a Mankind, to have so peculiarly shared in the Confidence and Friendship of the United States, are Ideas, the more pleasing to me as I am assured, when I reflect upon the Difficulties this Country overcame, that she will attend to the Means of Splendor and Happiness, which, now thank God, are in her disposal.

I beg, Sir, your Excellency and Council will accept the warmest Acknowledgements, and sincerest Wishes that an affectionate Heart can most usefully bestow

La Fayette.

James O'Hara a Blind Soldier, having left Henry Wood, with whom this Board agreed to board the said O'Hara and his Child of about three years old for Twenty five pounds per Annum. after boarding with the said Wood a Quarter of a Year for which he was paid six pounds five shillings. The Board now agree with Samuel Callahan to take the said O'Hara and his Child, upon the same Terms, the time to commence from the 14th Instant, and have directed that an Order be drawn on the western shore Treasurer in his favor for a quarter's board thereof. Ordered, the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Callahan six pounds five shillings on Account for the said O'Hara's Board.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 11 o'clock.

Wednesday 1st December 1784

The Council met

Present His Excellency William Paca Esq. Governor
The Honorable

Charles Wallcut, Aquila Paca, John Davidson & Samuel J. Wright Esqrs

The petition of Michael Sward of Harford County was presented to this Board setting forth that he entered in Recognizance to appear before the Justice of Harford County Court at a November Term 1781, and being ignorant of the consequences attending a forfeiture he did not attend whereupon his Recognizance became