

Liber K. his . . . Industry, care, and hard Labour it hath pleased God far above his Deserts to bless him with, now may it Please your Excellency so it is that whereas your Petitioner being very credibly informed of your Great Clemency and Compassion, as well towards the poor, as the rich made him presume humbly to prostrate these at your Feet for redress, praying your Grave and serious Consideration in the premises hereafter mentioned, whereas your Petitioner almost two Years since hath had one Daughter, who unfortunately having too much Familiarity and Commerce with a Certain Negro Man was supposed by him to have a Child, for which he is truly sorry, now since her supposed delivery the Iustices of Calvert County, have at a Court held there in January was a twelve month last past, without a due Examination of the  
 p. 39 Premises, or hearing any Evidence on her part hath illegally found her Guilty, and for the remitting her Punishment out of ill will to your Petitioner, have laid on him a Fine of six thousand pound of Tobacco the like President was never known of before, Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays your Excellencys Clemency that you woud please to grant an Order to the Iustices of the said County, for the remitting of the said unreasonable Fine, or at least so much of it as to your Excellency may seem convenient, otherwise your Petition<sup>r</sup> is doubtful that now in his old Age he and his Family in a manner are likely to be ruined, and further your Petitioner hopes that his request may be granted, by reason that what hath been done, was done before your Excellencys happy arrival into this Province for which

Your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

The Contents of the Foregoing Petition is referred to further Consideration for answer to be given thereto

His Excellency the Governor having Granted to Tho<sup>s</sup> Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> the following Commission did order the same to be recorded in this Iournal as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Maryland ss

William & Mary by the Grace of God King & Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup> To Thomas Tench of Ann Arundell County Esq<sup>r</sup> Greeting, Out of the especial trust and confidence we have in your Loyalty Integrety prudent care and circumspection, we have ordained Constituted and appointed, as by these Presents we do ordain Constitute, and appoint, you the said Thomas Tench, Our Treasurer or Receiver Generall of our publick Dues and duties in our Province of Maryland, Viz<sup>t</sup> the four pence p Gallon Imposition on all liquors imported into