

C. S. C.

William ^{his} + Turner		
Francis ^{mark} Bircckhead		
Nehemiah Bircckhead of Sam ^l		
West Wand	Basil ^{his} + Guess	Wm ^{his} + Wood
Hopewell ^{his} + Wood	Matthew ^{mark} Bircckhead	Jno ^{mark} Skinner
Benjamin ^{his} X ^{mark} Frendo	Richd Randall	Lewis Stevens
Abraham ^{his} + Turner	Daniel Searles	John Bircckhead
Joseph ^{mark} Bircckhead	Lanslet ^{his} X ^{mark} Stallings	Francis Bircckhead Junior
Mogan ^{his} X ^{mark} Wood	Wm ^{his} X ^{mark} Larkins	Morgan Jones
Thos Lance	Sam ^l ^{his} X ^{mark} Huse	John X ^{mark} Griffith
Sam ^l Lewin	Richard Joice	William Fisher
John ^{his} X ^{mark} Wood	Abraham ^{his} X ^{mark} Janquary	Robert Young

And your humble petitioners will be in duty bound to pray &c

The Form of a Deposition which M^r Gilbert Hamilton Smith is ready and willing to swear to if called upon.

Anne Arundel County:

This is to certify that I Gilbert Hamilton Smith of the County above mentioned heard Cap^t Richard Chew of the said County say that no poor man was intituled to a vote, and those that would insist upon voting, if he had his way should be put to death, and I do affirm also that I heard his brother Samuel Chew say that a poor man was not born to freedom, but to be a drudge on earth. Given from under my hand in the presence of,

John Bircckhead Jr.
Nehemiah Bircckhead

Gilbert Hamilton Smith.

Sunday, Oct^r 6th 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Complaint being made to this Board that General Stephens from Virginia has impressed a Pilot of Annapolis, and confined him with a view of obliging him against his will and inclination to pilot the vessel of the said General Stephens to the Head of Elk in this state, the attendance of General Stephens was by them requested, who in consequence thereof waited on the board, when M^r Vice President on their Behalf informed him that such conduct was contrary to the laws of this state, and an Infringement of the rights of the Inhabitants thereof, that if General Stephens, or any officer of the united