

Lib. J. R. are by no Means inclinable to be considered as a Party in the
 & U. S. Affair, not having done more than informed your Excellency
 of the Behaviour of the Col^s Veazey and Bayard as Justices
 and expect to satisfy your Excellency of the Truth of the
 Facts they are charged with; as we are no ways interested
 in the Matter have not applied for Summons's to sundry
 Persons by whom the several Matters might be farther illus-
 trated, nor have applied to any Council to enforce our Testi-
 mony: tho' we are credibly informed that those Gentlemen
 have not only procured Subpenas' from the Provincial Court
 for a Number of Persons to testify as against us, but also
 employed Council; we therefore humbly hope, as the Affair
 depends on Facts, that no Council will be allowed to appear
 for the said Col^s Veazey and Bayard, more than for, your
 most obedient humble Servants.

W^m Thornton. Sidney George. Geo: Read. Cha^s Gordon.
 G.. Milligan Francis Key. Geo: Catto. Benjⁿ Moody. Beale
 Borley. James Baxter.

Annapolis Apr. 15. 1758:—

The Parties complaining of the Behaviour of Col^s Veazey
 and Col: Bayard as Magistrates of Cecil County, and the
 said Col^s Veazey and Bayard attending according to Sum-
 mons of this Board were called in, and the Remonstrance
 p. 236 preferred the 25th January last was read. the Parties com-
 plaining were heard in Support of the said Remonstrance,
 and the Def^{ts} were heard by Council in their Justification,
 and several Witnesses examined, and they were then ordered
 to withdraw.

The Members of the Council declared their Opinion to his
 Excellency as follows.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor of
 Maryland.

Your Excellency having been pleased to do us the Honour
 to require our Assistance in an Enquiry into the Conduct of
 Col: Veazey and Bayard Justices of Cecil County in Respect
 of the Matters contained in a Remonstrance signed by several
 of the Inhabitants of that County and addressed to your
 Excellency, we beg Leave to report with due Deference to
 your Excellency, the Facts which appeared to us to be proved
 in the Course of a long Examination of Witnesses and other
 Evidence and after having heard Council thereto who at-
 tended on the Behalf of the said Magistrates.

1st It was clearly proved that Col: Bayard certified the
 Probate of an Account, the Caption whereof he antedated,