

on receiving a Promissary note from Thomas Hynes for the amount of her fine. Lib. J. R.  
& U. S.

That Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby at Length proceeded to the Marriage Ceremony, which he performed by asking the young Man whether he would take that Woman to his lawful Wedded Wife? and put the same Question, mutatis mutandis to the young Woman; after which he pronounced them to be lawful Man & Wife, saying Jump Dog, Leap Bitch, and I'll be damned if all the Men on Earth can unmarry you.

That the new married Couple were put to bed in M<sup>r</sup> Warford's own Bed, with the usual Ceremonies of throwing the Stocking &c. M<sup>rs</sup> Warford having previously received five Shillings for the use of the said Bed. And the whole Proceedings on the Riot &c. quashed at once.

That some time after the young Couple had been left to themselves, the young Man wanted to leave his Consort: and opening the Door would have come out. But was prevented by Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby, who opposed him with a fork in his hand, which he threatened to jobb into his Gutts if he attempted to leave his Wife. Whereupon the young fellow retired peaceably, and was found by the Company early in the Morning fast asleep in Bed with his Consort.

That a review of the above recited Transaction may be sufficient to shew how incapable either of the above mentioned Persons are to sustain the dignified Character wherewith they are invested; and how unworthy of that high Trust which their ignorance of the Laws, whereby the Community is to be regulated, their assuming to themselves Powers with which they are not invested, and their turning the Execution of their Office by indirect Means to their own private Emolument and the scandal of Public Justice, have so grossly abused.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the aforesaid Captain Evan Shelby, and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Warford may be left out of the Commission for the Peace in Frederick County, that the whole Body (otherwise, We hope, respectable) may not be wounded thro' their Sides or laughed at as their Associates. And, as in Duty bound they will ever pray &c.

Andrew Hugh	Will <sup>m</sup> Blair
Peter Bainbridge	T: Dickson
Tho <sup>s</sup> Price	W <sup>m</sup> Lockett.

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Ordered that the Clerk Write the following Letter, which was transmitted under a Cover to M<sup>r</sup> Darnall.

Gentlemen

I am Ordered by the Governor and Council to inform you, that in Considering a Petition preferred to his Excellency by