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 & U. S. Journeys to Baltimore Town, and to Pay to Mess^{rs} Nicholas Ruxton Gay, Benjamin Rogers and William Aisquith such Fees they are pleased to Exact and Extort from your Petitioners, Commonly as follows Viz^t for the Signing a Search Warrant or Warrant of the Peace from Eighteen pence to two Shillings, for Certificates of no Tobacco being made three pence for Signing Probates of Accounts on Notes and Bonds Sixpence for Certificates of Estrays two Shillings, Burning of Squirrell Scalps one out of four equal to pence, and for the Signing or taking acknowledgements on Deeds two Shillings in Lieu of one, the only Fee allowed to his Lordships Justices by the Laws of this Province, the others being unprecedented Exactions Grievous to your Petitioners and they humbly apprehend reflecting on the good Rule and Dignity of Government.

Your Petitioners furthermore beg leave to inform your Excellency, There being in your Petitioners' Neighbourhood Gentlemen as well Descended as well Educated and as Capable as any in the Commission of the Peace, to serve his Lordship as Magistrates willing to transact Publick and private affairs without Fee or Reward, they humbly pray one or more of them be appointed for their Relief in the Premisses,

Your Petitioners furthermore beg to be indulged, and to recommend to your Excellency's Favour Cap^t William Bond who has heretofore served in the Station aforesaid with Credit and with general applause, but being through Infirmities rendered incapable to Act, then Prayed to be left out of the Commission until enabled by the Recovery of his former Health to serve his Lordship, your Excellency's Condescension in favour, and for the great relief of your Petitioners the Inhabitants of their Neighbourhood and others shall ever be most Gratefully remembered and Dutifully acknowledged.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Pray &c.

James Richard	Benjamin Mead	Will ^m Bond Whithead
John Buck	Henry Oram	John Murray
Will ^m Bond Jun.	Chaney Hatten	Joseph Crook
Daniel Watkins	Richard Jones	

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to the Gentlemen accused in the above Petitions acquainting them of the Matters laid to their Charge.

15th April 1767.

Gentlemen

I am ordered by the Governor and Council to acquaint you that two Petitions have been presented to His Excellency