

to send to this County. Since which my Disorder has increased to such a degree as to render me almost incapable of Business of every kind and Confined me to my House for more than a year past nor have I pretended to act as a Magistrate unless now and then to take the Acknowledgement of a Deed or such easy Matters; and that much against my Inclination since last March Court was a year. Three or Four years ago the Justices of this County agreed to take moderate Satisfaction when they thought proper for any Writing in Civil Cases they should do for the People applying to them, such as acknowledgements to Deeds Bail Pieces, Supersedes, Probates to Bonds Accounts &c. Certificates for Estrays, Shipping of Iron, of making no Tobacco, Burning Squirrell Heads, Protests for Masters of Vessels, Passes &c. But nothing for Writing and giving Judgments in Civil Cases to the best of my Remembrance. Since the above Agreement I often did and as often did not take the aforesaid Reasonable Satisfaction for my time and trouble for such Writing, And would Continue so to do were I willing, and thought Capable of being Continued in Commission. Were I inclinable I flatter myself I could get ample Testimonial of my Regular Conduct as a Justice of the Peace from every Man of Character and Credit that I am known to in this County, and from the Gentlemen of the Barr likewise. I beg leave to inform his Excellency of the Entire Falsity of the Petition said to be from the Principal Inhabitants of Middle River Upper and Lower Hundreds in Baltimore County complaining of their want of Magistrates. M^r Walter Tolley dwells in Middle River Lower Hundred, M^r Benjamin Rogers for about two years past has Chiefly resided at his Plantation and Store in Middle River Upper Hundred, Major Franklin Dwells within about a Mile of the Edge of the Former and Col^o Will^m Young within about the same Distance of the Edge of the latter Hundred And no two Hundreds in this County have so many Justices Convenient to them as those, which his Excellency may soon see by looking on a Map of this County he was formerly pleased to accept from me. Not One of those Persons who Signed that Petition live in Middle River Upper Hundred nor within seven or Eight Miles of it, nor does James Richards the Promoter of that Petition dwell in either of them Henry Oram One of the Signers is a County Petitioner and has no certain place of Abode and most of the other few Signers to that Petition are far from being Principal Inhabitants of Middle River Lower hundred but rather the Contrary; nor can I remember ever to have done the least Justice Business for any of them. It is also false the Person recommended in that Petition to be reinstated as a Magistrate ever had General Applause as One; nor did he

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