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On Consideration of the above Letters and Papers it is the Lib. J. R. Advice of this Board, that the two Petitions read at this & U.S. Board on the 15th of April last, complaining of Sundry Magistrates in Baltimore County be dismissed.

Read the following Letters and Petition relative to a Complaint of Sundry Inhabitants of Frederick County against Cap^t Peter Bainbridge, in a Petition and Depositions laid before this Board on the 24th of December last.

Sir

I send you a Petition Signed by twenty One Men that Signed that Petition you have that is preferred to the Governor against me, I am certain if I was to take the trouble to go about the Country to hunt them up they would all Sign the Petition for me to be Continued, some of them is gone to Carolina and some to Pitsburgh and some to Redston and some are young Lads in short Shuman got any one to Sign to increase the Number, I have took the trouble to go to some of the best of them, but God knows bad is the best, there is one Philip Rodenpiller mentioned in the Petition, I send you a few lines that he has Signed, you must know that he is a weaver by Trade at the time I went out to Cumberland he weaved for me and since, as for my part I know nothing of the matter, he says when I was going out to Cumberland I asked him to go he made answer he would be glad if I would leave him at home, he said his Brother died a few days ago and his Father was Sick and he was alone on the Plantation, if he went he should get nothing sowed in the Ground that fall, if p. 463 I would let him stay at home he would do me a kindness upon that he says I let him stay. He further says when he brought in his Account for me to pay him he kept back one Piece for leaving him at home to the Value of Eighteen or nineteen Shillings, now if he had brought in his whole Account as I expected he had I should a paid him, I can be Qualified I never knew I owed him one farthing or ever was to receive any gratuity from him upon that Account untill that Petition was set on Foot, when I heard of it I went to him and asked him if I owed him upon that he made Answer as aforesaid. I then settled with him and paid him off. The next thing I am charged with in the Petition is about One Samuel Armit and his Wife it would take a great deal of time to answer that part of the Petition and tire your Patience to hear it, however I deny the charge they have made against me it's so far from my having any of their Effects in my Hands that Samuel Armit now owes me thirty nine Pounds and I am affraid I shall never get One farthing of it, if I have acted any ways Contrary to Law why