

[Moses Rawlings to Gov. Lee.]

[September]

I have Just received a Letter from the Commissary General of Provisions, requesting me to forward all the Flour in Washington County to Baltimore & George Town, and as I cannot Hire Waggon to Transport it your Excellency will be pleased to send me a warrant Authorising me to Impress Waggon for that purpose. Your Excellencys Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> came to hand yesterday and you may rest assured that nothing in my power shall be wanting to Expedite the Business in getting the Cattle, and sending them to Fredericksburgh as directed, I have already got some and expect to have a Hundred at least by Saturday night I am now out and shall not return Home untill I get the Number wanted I am very sorry to inform your Exc<sup>y</sup> that the Red Mony at present does not pass current in Washington County

[Petition of William Watson To his Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> [September]  
Governor and the Honorable the Council]

The humble Petition of William Watson of Cecil County Sheweth That your Petitioner having been at last march Court presented by the Grand Jury of his County for selling strong Liquors by the small Quantity without License to keep Ordinary; on four several Presentments; hath since been informed of the Nature of his Offence and the Penalty annexed both which he was entirely ignorant of before.

That your Petitioner having purchased two Barrels of Brandy retailed the whole last winter by the Galon, Quart and sometimes by the Pint, but never in a less Quantity, not imagining the same to be contrary to Law; the Custom of Ordinary Keepers being by the half Pint and Gill, nor did your Petitioner ever suffer or permit tipping in his house.

That your Petitioner has a large small family; and if compelled to pay the fines and fees on the aforementioned Presentments, will be unable longer to support his family; but must either Pine away in Goal or sell all his Substance.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays your Excellency and Honors to order a Noli Prosqui to be entered against the fore Presentments aforesaid and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

William Watson

We the Subscribers hereby testify that we were Summoned to give Testimony to the Grand Jury at last March Court and being asked concerning William Watsons selling Liquor gave the Information on which he hath been presented as appears by our Names set as Witnesses to the Presentments and that when we bought the Liquor we did not imagine that it was against the Law, and we are fully perswaded, that he thought he might have sold by the Pint or Quart.