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being fully Investigated, and not being able to Pay of the fine in Cash, his Effects has been executed by the Sheriff and will be sold in ten Days which will leave his Family destitute of a Subsistence, and will reduce them to the necessity of begging their Bread, from these reasons he is induced to lay his case before your Excellency, hoping that you will take the Matter into Consideration, and order that his Effects may not be sold, but returned to him & the fine remitted, and your Petitioner in Duty bound will ever Pray.

We the Subscribers do hereby Certify that Valentine Moser has got a helpless Family of small Children and is in very Indigent Circumstances as set forth in the above Petition.

Benj<sup>a</sup> Eastburn Capt. of Militia  
Michael Troutman Cap<sup>t</sup> of Militia  
Luke Mudd.—

In Council 29<sup>th</sup> August 1782

By a Certificate given by George Scott Gentleman one of the Magistrates of Fred County aforesaid it appears that the said Valentine Moser affirmed before him on the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant that he then was more than fifty two years of age. It is the Opinion of this Board that the said Valentine Moser could not be legally fined as he at the time he was ordered to march with the Militia was above 50 Years of Age & therefore exempt from all Militia duty. This Board for the reason above assigned do direct that the said Valentine Moser be discharged from the said fine of twenty Pounds.

James Brice  
Sam<sup>l</sup> T. Wright  
Ben Stoddert

p. 329 The following Petition was presented to this Board by Daniel Sowers.

To His Excellency the Governor & the honble the Council.

The humble Petition of Daniel Sowers of Ann Arundel County aforesaid sheweth, that Ann Banks was presented at last March Court for having a base born Child by your Petitioner and was fined three Pounds Current Money. That your Petitioner was the Father of the said Child and always intended to Marry the said Ann Banks, but was prevented from fulfilling his Intention before the birth being absent by water for a Considerable time about his usual business.—That your Petitioner was Married to the said Ann Banks on the tenth Day of October last Prior to the said Presentment and Imposition of the Fine aforesaid as your Petitioner can make appear by the Certificate of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hanna now in his Possession—that your Petitioner is a very poor man and will be much distressed if he is compelled to pay the said fine and the Fees of Prosecution. Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores your Excellency and