exempt from that Duty as his health will not permit him to attend on September that service. And Wee have the Honour, to be your Excellencys, Liber C. B. Most obed^t Humble Servants

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signed David Crawford, Wm Robertson, Edward Hodgkiss Andrew Poulson, James Poulson, Edward Stevenson Benjamin Mackrill, William Durbin, Gorg Habner Rich^d Stevenson, Thomas Manatom, S. Stevenson.

Septr 24th 1782. We are well acquainted with Daniel Stevenson Broth^r Sater Stevenson, who Informs the above facts are true, who's word we think may be depend'd on Equal to any man we know.

> Charles Ridgely I. R. Holliday.

To His Excellency Governor Lee in Council

Ibid.

The Petition of Daniel Stevenson of Frederick County, humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner is subject to Fits, & totally unqualified for any Militia Duty as will appear from the representation of sundry Persons, his Neighbours, hereunto annexed. That he was fined twenty Pounds by a Court Martial for neglect of Duty, for the Payment of which, his effects are now under Execution & will be sold immediately, which will reduce him, his Wife and seven small Children to extreme distress.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays, that your Excellency & the p. 339 Hon'ble Council will be pleased to take his case into consideration & grant him such relief as you shall think proper & your Petitioner &ca. Daniel Stevenson Septr 26th 1782.

This board have thought proper for the reasons contained in the above Petition to remit the said Fine of Twenty Pounds and do direct that the said Daniel Stevenson be forthwith discharged from the said Fine.

[Council to Captⁿ Zedekiah Walley]

September

There being some Cruizers of the Enemy in the Bay, which have Liber No. 78 done and may do considerable Injury. It is our Desire that you p. 379 proceed immediately down the Bay with the Barges under your Command, and do every Thing which Prudence will dictate, to put a Stop to their Depredations and to protect the Citizens on the Shores, and the Bay Trade. Should you not be provided with every Thing necessary for a Cruize, you will leave an Account of the Articles wanted, and they shall be sent down to you by some safe Opportunity. You will remain on the Cruize 'til the Expiration of the Time your Men are engaged for, unless sooner recalled, and transmit us an Account of your Transactions by every Opportunity.