

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to The Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Esq^r one of the Judges of the General Court One hundred pounds Current Money for one Quarters Salary due the 1st August last

October 15
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This being the Day appointed to enquire into the truth of the Charges contained in the Memorial of William Hopkins Junior against the Justices of Harford County. The Board took the same into Consideration

Ordered that the Substance of the Charges be entered on the Journal of the proceedings of this Board.—

Charges against Thomas Johnson, John Patrick, Mordecai Amos, William Bond, William Smithson, John Love, Ignatius Wheeler and Abraham Whitaker Esquires Justices of Harford County

1st of making a Common practice of issuing fieri facias's for the smallest Sums and, giving Judgment, and issuing Executions in Cases where no Warrant has ever been served. p. 449

2^d of partiality in their Court Determinations; particularly in the Cases of fines imposed on Martin Parker, John Ellis, Nathan Little, James Barnes & W^m Hopkins.

3^d Of Malversation in Office; particularly in appointing and continuing a M^r Allender in Office as Constable for five or six Years; the said Allender being represented to be so great a villain that his equal scarcely exists, notwithstanding repeated Complaints had been made to Court of his illegal and base practices in the Execution of his Duty.* and in Meeting once a fortnight at some tippling House to do Business, where Warranting is encouraged, Business delayed, great numbers of the lower Class of people drawn together, and Drunkenness, Cursing, Swearing, Card playing, Horse racing, and raffling are committed with Impunity—in their Conduct when John Patrick was accused before the Grand Jury of perjury by the Oath or Oaths of one or more reputable persons.—in their Conduct on the Complaint of John Patrick against Samuel Gover, that said Gover had damned him as a Magistrate, and the whole Court:—in their Determination on an appeal from the Judgment of a single Magistrate in a Case between James Rigbie and Charles Hopkins: and on an appeal by Edward Tredway from the Judgment of a single Magistrate.

* M^r Allender is accused of illegal and unjustifiable Conduct; particularly in executing and advertiseing the Goods of John Bruce for Sale, without giving any Notice of the Demand:—in executing Manasset Finney without Notice, and taking illegal fees from said Finney, and for keeping and detaining him in close Custody for a pretended Debt for which the said Finney shewed the said Allender a Receipt in full:—in executing the property of William Coale to satisfy a Debt said to be due to John Taylor Esquire, after said Coale had shewn him a Receipt in full, and after said Taylor had informed said Allender that the Debt had been Discharged:—in executing the