

In Council December 9th. 1786

By the Petition of Harman Stitcher of Baltimore Town in Baltimore County, it is set forth that some time in September 1784, he rented his House to a certain John Bichum, and had previously taken out a licence at the preceding August Court for the then ensuing year, under which the said John Bichum kept a Tavern or House of Entertainment until August Court following 1785, at which Court the said Bichum again took a licence for the next year, that in September following Bichum removed, and the Petitioner Harman Stitcher returned to his House, and kept a House of public Entertainment, under the Licence which Bichum had taken out, not doubting but that he had a legal right so to do, in consequence of which he was presented in Baltimore County Court for keeping a House of Entertainment without licence, and it appears by the Certificate of the Clerk of Baltimore County Court that he was fined in two several Presentments, six hundred pounds of Tobacco and Thirty shillings Current Money each. And it also appearing by the Certificate of four of the Justices of the said County, that the facts as stated in his Petition, are true and recommending the said Petitioner as deserving a Remission of the Fines referred to, The Board upon considering the same, do order and direct that the Fines aforesaid be and they are hereby remitted.

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Whereas it appears from the Certificate of William Ritchie Clerk of Frederick County Court, That at Frederick County March Court 1786 a certain William Compton was presented for selling spiritous Liquors by small Measure and on his submission and Confession at the November Court following was fined by the Justices thereof the Quantity of six hundred pounds of Tobacco besides Costs according to Act of Assembly, And Whereas the said William Compton by his Petition sets forth that he is burthen'd with a Family which he [p 187] has no other mode of supporting but by his own Labour which he is very unequal to, being sixty years of Age, That he was advised by some of his Neighbours, who view'd his situation with Compassion, that he might better his Circumstances by retailing Spiritous Liquors, in consequence of which advice he did procure some, but that he was immediately advertised of his Conduct being contrary to Law, when he desisted and has never since offended, That the Payment of the Fine will prove ruinous to him and his Family, which induces him to pray for a Remission of the same: And it being