

do order and direct that the aforesaid fine or five pounds be and it is hereby remitted.

W. Smallwood
James Brice
John Kilty
John Davidson

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning.

Thursday 15th. May 1788

The Council met.

Present His Excellency William Smallwood Esquire.

The Hon'ble. James Brice
John Kilty
John Davidson
Benjamin Harrison Esquires.

His Excellency absent.

In Council May 15th. 1788

George Cassle of Frederick County by his Petition to the Board sets forth that he stands liable to the payment of twenty five pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence, being a fine inflicted on him for a failure of Militia Duty, that when first called on, he was cheerfully preparing to march, but was prevented by the distressed Situation of his family, and procured a Substitute for whom he paid fourteen pounds, that when he was the second time required to serve, he had sold his property and was about to move to North Carolina, where a friend had procured him a spot of Land, that in [p 314] Carolina he joined in furnishing a Substitute for the service and was otherwise active in the American cause, being often actually employed against the Tories, the consequence of which was, that he was ruined in his circumstances, that after this, returning to Maryland he found himself liable to the fine before mentioned, and from the payment of which he prays to be released. The Petitioner states that he has a wife and seven small Children to support by his labour, and that he is poss[ess]ed of only personal property valued at about Thirty pounds. The Petition is accompanied by Certificates from the Officers, who received the substitutes, of the Petitioner's having furnished them agreeably to his representation, and the Circumstances which prevented his marching personally on the first call are also explained and attested. On due Consideration of all which Circumstances, the