

[p 338] In Council July 25th. 1788

David Armstrong of Baltimore County by his Petition sets forth that he has for several years previous to the year 1787 exercised the business of Merchandize, and in the beginning of that year was by Suretyships and other misfortunes compelled to alter his mode of living, that he proposed to keep a public house, and in May in the same year applied to some of the Justices of the aforesaid County for a permit which he found they had no authority to grant, That fully intending to procure licence at the next Court he thought himself excusable in taking boarders and entertaining them in the interim, but being before the arrival of the aforesaid period, obliged by the importunities of his Creditors to avail himself of the Act respecting insolvent debtors, he became incapable of pursuing his intention, that he has since been presented and fined by the Court aforesaid as the Law directs for having sold and suffered to be drank in his house one gill of Brandy, of which fine he prays the Board to grant a Remission, the Petitioner is moreover recommended by all the Justices of the Criminal Court for the aforesaid County as a proper object of Clemency, whereupon the Board on full consideration of the Circumstances do order and direct that the fine thus imposed being six hundred pounds of Tobacco be and, it hereby is remitted.

James Brice
John Kilty
John Davidson

The Honorable Benjamin Harrison Esquire attended.
The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning.

Saturday 26th. July 1788

The Council met.

Present His Excellency William Smallwood Esquire.

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

The Council adjourned 'till Monday Morning.

[p 339] Monday 28th. July 1788

The Council met.

Present His Excellency William Smallwood Esqr.

The Hon'ble. Jeremiah T. Chase
James Brice
John Davidson
Benja. Harrison Esquires.