

she was fined by the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the said County at their last term in the amount of six hundred weight of Tobacco and thirty shillings Current Money for selling liquors without licence. The Petitioner professes to have been ignorant of the Law in this respect and alledges that she was led into the offence by the same Person who afterwards presented her. She further represents that she is a Widow in very distressed Circumstances and entirely unable to pay the fines imposed on her. And four of the Judges of the aforesaid Court having certified that she must languish in Goal unless the prayer of her Petition is granted, The Board in consideration of here extreme poverty do order that the aforesaid fines be and they are hereby remitted.

J. E. Howard
John Davidson
Jo. Carvel Hall
John Kilty

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning.

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Friday 6th. February 1789

The Council met.

Present as on Yesterday.

Agreeably to the notice given by John Kilty Esquire on the 26th. of January, he delivers his dissent to the determination of that Day as follows.

Dissent.

1st. Because by Article 1st. Sect. 5th. of the Constitution of the United States, it is declared that "each House shall be the Judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its Members," from which it is plainly to be inferred that each House should be in possession of every material document that regards the elections and although such documents might be occasionally obtained, yet as it is probable that complaints of undue elections will rarely be preferred from remote States on account of the great inconvenience and expence attending them it is the more necessary that the Legislative body should be furnished with whatever may lead to a correct and just determination in the first instance. To adapt measures to circumstances is an approved Rule in Politics. The Government of the United States has like all others, certain consequent Circumstances nearly as fixed as it's written articles. If these qualities are mischievous and derogatory from the general intention and principle of the Government, the evil they induce should be counterbalanced by such expedients as the Constitution permits. The aquiescence of the people in undue elections is one undesirable consequence attached to this extensive Government; and should therefore be remedied by a more