

Council Room, and having produced Certificates of their Qualification, took their Seats.

Thomas Johnson Junior appointed Clerk of the Council and a Certificate of his Qualification produced.

Jub Fowler appointed Messenger.

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 11 o'clock.

Thursday 15th. December 1785

The Council met.

Present. His Excellency William Smallwood Esquire Governor
The Honorable Jeremiah Townley Chase
James Brice
John Kilty Esquires.

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Christopher Green of Kent County by his Petition to this Board, states that at June Term 1785 he was committed a Prisoner to the Jail of the same County on a Ca Sa upon a Recognizance forfeited for his non appearance at a preceding Term to give Evidence for the State against a certain Philip Chaply, who was presented by the Grand Jury of the said County for an Assault and Battery committed on the Body of the said Christopher Green, that he still remains a Prisoner, unable by his Poverty to pay the Sum of Ten pounds mentioned in his Recognizance, That his non appearance [p 80] was not owing to his Obstinacy or Contempt of the Laws and Authority of the State but purely to his Ignorance of the Obligation he was under, and praying to be relieved from said forfeited Recognizance, And three of the Justices of the said County recommending that the Recognizance may be remitted, and from information given this Board that he is a very poor man with a Family of Children, They are of Opinion, and do hereby Order and direct a Remission accordingly.

W. Smallwood
Jr. To'y. Chase
James Brice
John Kilty

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The Petition of Henry Boarman, and Henry Massey Hanson of Charles County, praying to be relieved from Fines imposed on them by a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in said County for the Trial of Benjamin Fendall and Prior Berry, for not attending said Court as Jurors, is rejected.