

Your petitioners therefore most respectfully, but earnestly submit, that the facts and considerations in this case are such that it would be inequitable and unjust to hold them for Archer's defalcations later than February, 1888, and if they are so held, the consequence will be the total impoverishment of some of them.

(Signed,) H. W. & W. A. ARCHER,
Executors.

(Signed,) J. THOS. C. HOPKINS,

(Signed,) EDWIN H. WEBSER,

(Signed,) J. M. STREET,

(Signed,) ALLAN HOFFMAN,

(Signed,) P. HOWARD,

(Signed,) S. A. WILLIAMS.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Annapolis, February 26th, 1892.

To the Honorable, the General Assembly:

I respectfully transmit to you a communication addressed to me under date of February 16th, 1892, by Messrs. Edwin H. Webster, Stevenson A. Williams, Joseph M. Street, J. Thomas C. Hopkins, Patrick Howard, Allen Hoffman, Henry W. Archer, Jr. and Murray Vandiver, sureties on the bonds of Stevenson Archer, late State Treasurer.

You will perceive that its object is to lay the foundation for the passage of an Act for their relief, by obtaining the recommendation of the Governor to this effect, as prescribed by section 33, of Article 3, of the Constitution, without which recommendation, or that of the "Officers of the Treasury Department," no such Act can properly be passed.

The transactions which have led to this application are so well known to the people, as to need but a brief recital.

Mr. Archer was elected Treasurer for the first time in January, 1886, and qualified on February 2, 1886, by taking the oath of office and giving bond as required by law.

On January 13th, 1888, he was elected for a second term and should have qualified by taking the oath of