

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Representation

May it please your Excellency.

We acknowledge with Thankfulness your Excellency's just Administration hitherto over us, your Readiness at all Times to redress Grievances, correct Abuses among us and earnest Endeavours to fill our Courts of Justice with the ablest and best Judges, from hence we profess with the greatest Respect and Reverence to your Excellency humbly to remonstrate to you the Unhappiness under which we apprehend the Justice of this County & which hath long laboured from the Conduct of Col. John Wray and Col. Peter Bayard two of the Justices thereof, at the same Time we do assure you that it is with Concern we think ourselves obliged to do this, not only from an Assurance that the Matter is unknown to your Excellency but also from a sense of the Duty which we owe to you and our Country; some Facts we beg Leave here to mention vizt. That Col. Bayard hath certified a Probate to an Account where the Person never was sworn thereon and antedated the same. That he hath certified an Acknowledgment to a Deed of his own whereby the Creditors of the Bargainor lost their Debts for want of opposing his Power and Influence. That he hath in a summary Way as a Justice, ordered a Freeman to be whipped for a Felony. That the said Col. Wray and Bayard have combined in making Entries as of the Court when in Fact there hath been no Court sitting. That Col. Wray hath delivered the Opinion of the Court in a Matter of Controversy to be otherwise than in Fact it was. That after a full Bench had considered a Matter of Law, and the Justices in Court were divided in their Opinions and ordered the same to be adjourned to the next Day for a further Hearing Col. Wray did late in the Evening of the same Day privately order the Clerk to enter Judgment without the Advice or Consent of any other than Col. Bayard and one other, whereas it ought to have remained over to the next Day. That the said Colonel Bayard in Order to be appointed Guardian to Orphans privately sounded and required the Opinion of the Justices separately and doubting their Assent he afterwards when himself, Col. Wray and other Justice were in Court procured an Order to the Clerk to make an Entry that he the said Bayard was so appointed, and the said Colonel Wray did thereupon direct the Clerk to enter that Order, which Matter being afterwards discovered by one other of the Justices and being told that an Enquiry would be made thereon by the Court did privately direct the Clerk to strike out the said Order and no Application was afterwards made for that Guardianship. That the said Col. Wray hath expelled out of Doors, and then use their Influence on the Bench for the Party whose Cause they espouse, and that it is frequent for the Clerk to propose to their Attornies when to bring on Motions and Trials according as those two Judges are for or