

At a Council held at the Governours on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of March in the Fifteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion  
of Anno Domini, 1736.

Present.

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour.

The honourable Benjamin Tasker, Daniel Dulany and John Ridout Esq<sup>s</sup>.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Petition from Members of  
the Inhabitants of Frederick County.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour and Commander in Chief in and  
over the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of the subscribing Inhabitants of Frederick County.

Most humbly Sheweth

That the present Scarcity of Money so sensibly felt throughout the whole  
Province is no where so fatal in its consequences or pressed down with heavier Aggravation of Sufferings  
than within the Precincts of this County wherein the Numbers of the Public Creditors and the amount of  
their respective just Demands are well known far to exceed the Protection of other Counties whose Propri-  
eties they have defended in Attempting to secure their own and by keeping the Savage Enemy at a Distance  
supported the Garrison, to the irreparable Loss of many poor Families among them whose Fathers, Brothers  
Wives and Children fell under the Curve the Tomahawk, and by receiving the Bloody Stroke themselves  
averted it from those who stood at a Distance and were ready to fly they knew not whether upon a  
bare Surmise of a remote Danger whereof they could not possibly form the least adequate Idea.

That most of the Survivors of such distressed Families their Children and Reliques are Inhabitants  
of this County where the Remembrance of their Losses the Ruin of their Fortunes, and want of Pay-  
ment of their just Demands upon the public for Services wherein their Lives their Substance their all were  
embarked, have rendered them Objects of the Highest Compassion, and hold them forth to view as worthy  
the Care and Attendance of the Public, as being the most useful as well as most distressed of its Members.

That their hopes of Relief were vastly raised by your Excellencys Speech to both Houses on the Opening  
of the Session the 26<sup>th</sup> of September last wherein your own benevolent Mind as well as your intimate knowledge  
of and concern for the Welfare of the Province so strongly shine out, Hopes founded on the Strongest Foundati-  
ons, a Provincial Fund established to be supported by easy and long experienced Methods of Taxation to be  
turned by way of Bills of Credit into <sup>common</sup> Circulation, for the more easy Discharge of Public and Private Contracts  
and by getting into the hands of Public Sufferers bring some the very partial Recompence of their long felt  
distresses, it being evident that such as are paid their original Demands at the distance of ten Years must  
necessarily lose more than half by the Interest.

That these hopes however fair and rational were disappointed your Excellency needs not be informed of  
That no Bills of Credit were Struck, no Payment of Public allowed Claims made out of the Treasury, in  
any manner whatsoever is evident and that your Excellency did the utmost in your Power to forward  
and Expedite the same, your Petitioners are fully convinced, and do thus Publicly acknowledge.

That the short Recess of Assembly so necessary during the bad Season of the Year being expired your  
Petitioners hoped the General Assembly at their next Meeting might have fallen on some Method of  
adjusting their Debates so necessary for the Well being of the Province, but the late Prorogation