

Major be discharged from the said fine of twenty Pounds

James Bruce  
Sam<sup>r</sup> J. Wright  
Ben Hodder

The following Petition was presented to this Board by Daniel Sowers  
To His Excellency the Governor & the Honble the Council.

The humble Petition of Daniel Sowers of Ann Arundell County  
aforesaid sheweth, that Ann Banks was presented at last March Court for  
having a base born Child by your Petitioner and was fined three Pounds Current  
Money - That your Petitioner was the Father of the said Child and always  
intended to marry the said Ann Banks, but was prevented from fulfilling  
his Intention before the birth being absent by water for a considerable time about  
his usual business - That your Petitioner was married to the said Ann Banks  
on the tenth Day of October last Tria to the said Prosement and Imposition  
of the Fine aforesaid as your Petitioner can make appear by the Certificate of  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Hanna now in his Possession, that your Petitioner is a very poor  
man and will be much distressed if he is compelled to pay the said Fine and  
the Fees of Prosecution - Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores your  
Excellency and Honors to interpose in his favor and your Petitioner as in  
Duty bound will ever Pray & go forth - Aug<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1782  
Dan Sowers -

The following endorsement was made on the back of the said Petition  
Ann Arundell County J<sup>ts</sup> We the Subscribers Justices of Ann Arundell County  
August Court 1782 are of Opinion that the facts set forth in the within  
Petition are true and therefore recommend him as a proper Object to his  
Excellency the Governor and the Council. Rich<sup>d</sup> Worthington  
Allen Lupton  
Fra<sup>s</sup> Fairbrother

In Council 29<sup>th</sup> August 1782

It appears from the foregoing Petition of Daniel Sowers that  
he intermarried with a certain Ann Banks on the 1<sup>st</sup> November last as appears  
by a Certificate from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr William Hanna that prior to their marriage  
she had a base born Child by him for which she was presented to last Ann  
Arundell March Court and fined three Pounds Current Money, that he always  
intended to marry the said Ann Banks but was prevented by being absent by  
water for a considerable Time, the above is certified by three of the Magistrates  
of the Court aforesaid in their Opinion to be true and they recommend him  
the said Daniel Sowers as a proper Object of relief - We therefore direct  
that the said Fine of three Pounds Current Money be remitted -  
J<sup>ts</sup> J. Chase  
Sam<sup>r</sup> J. Wright  
Ben Hodder

Thos<sup>s</sup> Lee  
James Bruce

State

Adam Swinbank } Charge - neglecting to March to Geo Town with the Militia  
find 20 £ or two mo<sup>s</sup> Imprisonment - } made Lt Colo. Wood in June last - doth not appear  
The above is a true extract from the Proceedings