

Friday 1st October 1784

The Council met

Present His Excellency William Pava Esq^r Governour
The Honorable

Samuel S. Wright, John Davidson and Aquila Pava Esquires

The Council adjourned till Friday the
8th of October Instant

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Present The Honorable

John S. Stone, John Davidson & Charles Wallace Esquires

A Petition from William Watson of Guilf County, was laid before the Board, setting forth, that upwards of three years ago he retailed two Barrels of Brandy by the gallon Quarts and pints some small part thereof by accident was drank in his House, which he did not forbid, as he was ignorant of the Penalty thereby incurred - that he was presented to March Term 1780, and four presentments found against him for selling Spiritous Liquors by the small - that the said William Watson being unacquainted with Court Proceedings, was advised by some of his Friends to stand Trial, and was accordingly bound over to appear at October Term 1783 hold by adjournment in December following - that he appeared to take his Trial, but was then advised by the Prosecutor to withdraw his Plea and submit his case to the judgment of the Court, who immediately thereupon committed him to Prison until Payment should be made of the fines and fees on the aforesaid four Presentments - that from a variety of unfortunate circumstances he was rendered unable to pay his fees, and representing his distressed situation to the Clerk of the County, he very readily gave up his fees - that he is now confined for the Payment of the fines accruing on the four Presentments, and having a wife and several small children who depend on his Labour for support, prays to be relieved from the said Presentments, and the truth of the facts contained in the said Petition, being certified by three of the Justices of the said County - The Board are of opinion that the fines arising on the said four Presentments be remitted and do order the same to be remitted accordingly

John S. Stone

John Davidson

(Wallace)

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 12th October Instant

Tuesday 12th October 1784

His Excellency William Pava Esq^r

The Honble Aquila Pava Esquire attended

Wednesday 13th October 1784

The Honble Samuel S. Wright Esquire attended