

Wednesday 25th January 1786

The Council met

Present His Excellency William Smallwood Esquire

The Honble } Jeremiah Downby Chase }
 } James Bruce } Esqs
 } Gabriel Dewall }
 } John Kelly }

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David Wilson of Kent County by his Petition sets forth that Sarah Culbert his Mother having been ill treated by her Husband, John Culbert she made her Complaint to a Magistrate, who, requiring Security for her appearance at the next Court to testify against her Husband on behalf of the State, the Petitioner entered into a Recognizance before the said Magistrate James Grayson Esq^r on the 07th Day of July 1784 in the sum of Ten pounds Current Money for his Mother's appearance at the October Court following to testify as aforesaid. The Petitioner represents that though he was ignorant of the consequence of her non-appearance, he endeavored to prevail on her to appear but she refused alleging that her purpose, viz^t to secure better treatment from her Husband was already answered. That in consequence of her failing to appear the Petitioner's Recognizance was forfeited, and he hath since been taken in execution and imprisoned until he paid the sum forfeited with the costs accruing thereon - that he hath with great difficulty raised the same and paid it to George Stanton Esquire Sheriff of the said County, and now prays that the said Sheriff may be directed to return him the sum of Ten pounds forfeited as aforesaid

The Board having duly considered the Case and a Recommendation from four of the Justices of the said County in favor of the Petitioner, are of Opinion that the forfeiture should be remitted and do therefore direct that the money be returned

W Smallwood
J Downby Chase
James Bruce
John Kelly

The Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 11 o'clock