

Tuesday 7th February 1786.

The Council met

Present His Excellency William Smallwood Esquire

The Honorable } James Bruce
 } Gabriel Duwall } Esquires
 } John Kelly }

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The Board took into Consideration the Case of Robert Johnson of Frederick County, who had recognized in the usual Form on the 21st February 1781 before Philip Thomas Esquire one of the Justices of the County aforesaid in the sum of Fifty pounds specie for his appearance at the then next Term to testify as an Evidence on behalf of the State against a certain Hugh Kelly who had also recognized before the said Philip Thomas for his appearance at Court to answer an accusation against him for uttering Expressions inimical to American Independence. It appeared from a Certificate from William Ritchie Clerk of Frederick County that the aforesaid Robert Johnson did appear at the then next Term according to the Tenor of his Recognizance which was respite from Term to Term until March Term 1782 when the said Robert Johnson being called, and not appearing, the same was forfeited and that Execution had thereupon issued, and was still enforce against the said Robert Johnson. The Case of the said Robert Johnson was stated in writing by two of the Justices of Frederick County Court who recommended a Remission of the whole of the Recognizance forfeited as aforesaid. It appearing to the Board from the foregoing State and Certificate of the good Character of Robert Johnson that the forfeiture aforesaid hath not been wilfully incurred by him but hath proceeded from his Apprehension and Belief that his Attendance was unnecessary after the Term to which he was recognized to appear; they are of Opinion that the same ought to be remitted, and do order a Remission accordingly

W Smallwood
James Bruce
G Duwall
John Kelly

The Honble Saml D Wright Esq^r attended

The Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 11 O'clock