

In Council April 8<sup>th</sup> 1786

Samuel Stamp of Ann Arundel County by his Petition to the Board sets forth, that he hath for several years past been licensed by the Court of said County to keep a Ferry over South River; that his Endeavours to give satisfaction have been unremitted, but that upon the Evidence of Reuben M<sup>r</sup> Daniel who deposed that his Boats were on a certain Day absent from the Ferry until 10<sup>o</sup> Clock in the Morning - his Recognizance for fifty pounds was at the Court of the aforesaid County for March Term 1786 declared forfeited - The Petitioner alleges that on the Morning on which his Boats were said by M<sup>r</sup> Daniel to be absent from their Station he was from Home, and that if they were really out of the way it was only a small distance in quest of wood, and that they never leave the Ferry but for that purpose - The Petitioner states that the sum forfeited is more than his Annual Profit and prays a Remission thereof

Whereupon the Board taking into Consideration the Circumstances set forth by the Petitioner and a State of his Case by the Court which corresponds with his Representation, as also a Recommendation in his favor subscribed by four of the Justices of the County aforesaid - are of Opinion that the forfeiture incurred is much more than adequate to the offence, and do therefore Order and direct that the sum of Forty seven pounds thereof be remitted.

W Smallwood

J<sup>r</sup> Dyghase

James Brice

G Duwall

John Kelly

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11<sup>o</sup> Clock

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1786

His Excellency William Smallwood Esq<sup>r</sup> and  
The Honorable James Brice Esq<sup>r</sup> attended