

Monday 9th July 1787

The Council met

Present His Excellency William Smallwood Esq^r

The Honorable

James Bruce

John Kelly

John Davidson

Esquires

Ordered that the western shore Treasurers pay to Messrs
Pitney and Pungle seven hundred and seventy five pounds, five shillings and
six pence upon account to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State
per Certificate dated in Council March 15 1782 liquidated this 9th Instant by
the Auditor General.

in Council 9th July 1787.

John Barwell of Prince Georges County by his Petition to
the Board accompanied by a Transcript of the Proceedings therein mentioned sets forth
that in the fall of the year 1785 he happened to be at Bladensburg when a
certain George Short was carried before a Magistrate charged with stealing
Tobacco that being strongly solicted by the said Short's wife, who had always
been an obliging neighbour to become Surety for her Husband's appearance
at Court to answer the complaint, he was at length persuaded to become bond
in a Recognizance of twenty pounds for the said Short's appearance - that he
used every means in his power to procure Short's attendance but could not find
him, consequence of which his aforesaid Recognizance was forfeited - the Petitioner
states that he pays Rent for land and has a family of seven children to support
who must suffer severely if he should be compelled to pay the forfeiture whereupon
the Board considering the low circumstances of the Petitioner and the Expence
incurred and having regard to a Recommendation from three of the Justices of the
said County in his favor do order and direct that the said forfeiture of twenty
pounds be and it is hereby remitted.

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The Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 11 o'clock.