

In Council 17<sup>th</sup> May 1788.

The Board took into consideration the following transcript from the Records of the General Court for the Eastern Shore, and the opinion of the said Court on the Case —

State of Maryland  
ag<sup>t</sup>  
Solomon Clayton Register  
of Wills for Queen Anne County

} Presentment for detention of the records of Caroline County - Submits fine £30. Current Money

It appearing to the Court that the Conduct of the Defendant did not proceed from either Contumacy or negligence, but altogether from doubts and difficulties, which he entertained, respecting his Duty under the Act of Assembly in that case provided, as the papers retained related to the Estates of persons who had died prior to the erection of the County of Caroline, and were actually transmitted as papers belonging to Queen Anne County, of which he was Register without any Indorsement as belonging to Caroline County - They do therefore recommend that the above fine as above imposed may be remitted

By order of the Court  
James Earle (Clerk Gen Court E Shore)  
April Term 10. 1788.

Whereupon, in full persuasion that the abovementioned Solomon Clayton was not intentionally guilty of a breach of the laws, it is ordered that the above fine of Thirty pounds current Money be and it is hereby remitted —

W<sup>m</sup> Smallwood  
John Kilty  
John Davidson  
Benj Harrison

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1788  
The Council met

Present  
The Honble { Jeremiah T. Chas - James Bruce }  
                  { John Kilty - John Davidson } Esquies  
                  { Benjamin Harrison }