

In Council July 25. 1788

David Armstrong of Baltimore County by his petition sets forth that he had for several years previous to the year 1787 exercised the business of Merchandize, and in the beginning of that year was by surpluses and other misfortunes compelled to alter his mode of living - that he proposed to keep a public house, and in May in the same year applied to some of the Justices of the aforesaid County for a permit which he found they had no authority to grant - That fully intending to procure license at the next Court he thought himself excusable in taking boarders and entertaining them in the interim, but being before the arrival of the aforesaid period, obliged by the importunities of his creditors to await himself of the Court respecting insolvent debtors, he became incapable of pursuing his intention - that he has since been presented and fined by the Court aforesaid as the Law directs for having sold and suffered to be drank in his house one gill of Brandy of which fine he prays the Board to grant a remission - the Petitioner is moreover recommended by all the Justices of the Criminal Court for the aforesaid County as a proper Object of Clemency, whereupon the Board on full consideration of the circumstances do order and direct that the fine thus imposed being six hundred pounds of Tobacco, be and, it is hereby is permitted

James Brice
John Kelly
John Davidson

The Honorable Benjamin Harrison Esquire attended -
The Council adjourned till tomorrow morning

Saturday 26th July 1788

The Council met

Present

His Excellency William Smallwood Esquire

The Honble }
James Brice }
John Kelly } Esquires
John Davidson }
Benjⁿ Harrison }

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning