

1<sup>st</sup> Council December 11 1788

William Sinclair of Calcut County by his Petition to the Board

sets forth that he has been fined on three several Presentments in the sum of six pounds each, for retailing spiritous liquors contrary to law, and by transcripts from the proceedings of the Court of the said County, it appears that two of the said fines were imposed at the April term 1786 and the other at the September term in the same year. The Petitioner represents that he is a native of Ireland, and that the aforesaid offences were committed soon after his arrival in the country, and before he had obtained a knowledge of the law that restrains the sale of spiritous liquors without licence, and prays therefore that the Board will release him. The Board in consideration of the recommendation of four Magistrates of the said County, who certify their belief of the facts set forth, and adverting to the costs the Petitioner has incurred on the presentments, do order that of the above three fines making in the whole eighteen pounds, the sum of twelve pounds be and the same is hereby remitted.

J. E. Howard  
James Bruce  
John Davidson  
Wm Hindman  
John Kilty

The Council adjourned till tomorrow morning

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1788.

The Council met

Present His Excellency John Eager Howard Esquire  
The Honorable James Bruce

John Davidson }  
William Hindman } Esquires  
John Kilty }

Commissions issued to Joseph Martin  
One of the Coroners of Talbot County, and to  
James Porter appointed one of the  
Coroners of Cecil County in the room of J. P.