

Saturday 22 October 1791  
The Honble Randolph B. Latimer and  
John Davidson Esquires attended

Monday 24 October 1791

The Council met

Pres<sup>t</sup> His Excellency John Eager Howard Esquire

The Honble Randolph B. Latimer  
John Davidson  
John Kilty } Esquires

Summonses issued to Basil Smith, Jeremiah Dyer  
Samuel Richards, Leonard Dixon and Samuel Tucker to testify on the  
Hearing before the Governor and Council this instant, of the complaint of  
Charles Hankin, Benjamin Sawood and William Brauner that the election  
for Sheriffs of Charles County was not made fairly and freely agree-  
ably to the Constitution and Form of Government

Agreeably to the order of the Board of the 10<sup>th</sup> instans  
Charles Hankin on behalf of the Petitioners against the late election  
in Charles County for Sheriffs, and James Simms the Sheriff elect, attended  
and the Board proceeded to enquire into the complaints set forth in the Petition.

The Petitioners prayed for permission to amend their  
Petition, by specifying other objections to the said Election, which upon due  
consideration was allowed and the Petition was amended so as to read  
as follows

"To his Excellency the Governor and the honourable the Council  
of the State of Maryland -

The Memorial of Charles Hankin, Benjamin Sawood  
and William Brauner sheweth that your Memorialists were candidates  
for the Office of Sheriff of Charles County at an election hold there on  
the first Monday of October in the present year 1791. That the Justices  
attending the said Election and who acted as Judges thereof did not  
take the Oath of Judges of the Election as required by the Constitution  
and laws of this State - The said Judges did not appoint a