

Wednesday, December the 11th 1793

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor, and Messrs Pinkney Davidson
George Robertson the Sheriff of Worcester County having by
Petition represented to the Board that He has been presented in the Court of
said County for not making his return of the last election for Electors of the President
and Vice President of the United States within the time prescribed by Law, on which
Presentment judgement has been given for the forfeiture of fifty pounds: That it
was out of his power to obtain the Law by which the said Elections were re-
gulated, and He was of course obliged to depend on the information of others
for a knowledge of it's provisions: That his return was by him put into the
hands of one of the Delegates for that County, to be by him brought to Annapolis,
but that He was unexpectedly detained, and did not arrive until the time limited
had expired, for which causes the return aforesaid was not made within the
time prescribed by Law, and has under these circumstances, which are supported
by a Certificate from the Chief Justice and Associates of the said County Court, prayed
a remission of the said forfeiture or such part thereof as may seem reasonable.
It is therefore Ordered by the Board that the sum of forty two pounds ten shillings
parcel of the said forfeiture shall be and it is hereby remitted, upon payment
by the said George Robertson of the residue of the said forfeiture, and all the
legal costs of the aforesaid prosecution.

(Signed)

Tho S Lee
William Pinkney, John Davidson
Henry Ridgely.

On a Petition similar to the above from James Semmes, Sheriff
of Charles County, stating in like manner that from want of knowledge of the Law
regulating the elections, he had incurred the forfeiture of fifty pounds for not
transmitting within the time limited by Law, his return of the election for Electors
of the President and Vice President, it is Ordered in like manner that of the
said forfeiture forty two pounds ten shillings be remitted, upon payment by
the said James Semmes of the residue of the said forfeiture, and all
legal costs arising on the Prosecution.

(Signed)

Tho S Lee
William Pinkney
John Davidson
Henry Ridgely