

1874
Wednesday, April the 30th 1794.

The Council met; Present His Excellency the Governor, and
all the Members.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to
Jeremiah Townly Chan Esquire One thousand pounds current money,
for his salary as a Judge of the General Court, for two years, ending
this Day.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Doctor Horatio Belt
seventeen pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence current money, in
reimbursement of sundry fees paid by him in the prosecution of a
suit against James Franklin, for part of a tract of Land in Baltimore
County, for the use of the State as per account passed by the Auditor.

John Davidson Esquire dissents to the issuing the foregoing
order; and William Pinkney Esq^r enters his dissent as follows.

W^m Pinkney dissents from the passage of the account
mentioned in the above order to Doctor Belt: The account is for fees paid
by D^r Belt to the Officers on an ejectment brought in the name of the
State for his use against Franklin, for confiscated land bought by
D^r Belt from the Intendant; which ejectment is said to have been ordered
by the Intendant, with an assurance to D^r Belt that all fees paid
thereon should be reimbursed him by Government. The grounds of this
Dissent are, 1st That this Board has no power to pass an account for fees
if exhibited by the Officers against the Government, and of course that it
cannot pass such an account if paid by any individual, and by him
presented for allowances: What we cannot do in the first instance, we
cannot do circuitously — The Committee of claims is the proper tribunal
to apply to.

2nd That the claim ought to have been produced
when Doctor Belt was released from his purchase of this Land; so
that the Board might have had an opportunity of making it a part
of the Terms of release.

Signed W^m Pinkney