

States, which vacancy (according to an act of assembly passed at November Session
seventeen hundred and Ninety entitled "an act directing the times places
and manner of holding Elections for Representatives of this State in the Congress
of the United States and for appointing Electors on the part of this State for
choosing a President and Vice Presidents of the United States and for the
regulation of the said Elections and also to repeal the act of assembly therein
mentioned" and according to another act of the General Assembly supple-
mentary to the act aforesaid passed at November Session seventeen hundred
and Ninety one) must be filled by a Person resident within, and elected by
the qualified Voters of the third District of this State as designated by the said
acts of assembly. We do therefore in pursuance of the powers vested in us by
the acts aforesaid, hereby authorize and command you to hold an Election
for a person to represent this State in the said House of Representatives
in your City of Annapolis on Monday the Eighteenth instant at the usual
place of holding Elections, and that after giving eleven days Notice at
the least exclusive of the Day of Notice you then and there attend and
conduct hold and make return of the said Election agreeably to the
Directions of the acts of assembly aforesaid. - Given in Council at the
City of Annapolis under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this
first day of April seventeen hundred and Ninety six.

James Brice President.

Joseph Gardner of Harford County by his Petition sets forth, that at
March Term seventeen hundred and Ninety five he entered into a recog-
nizance in the sum of fifteen pounds Current Money for his appearance
to answer a charge of an assault and Battery committed upon Ferdinand
Duprey, that he did appear agreeably to the tenor of his Recognizance but the
appearance was neglected to be recorded by the Clerk and the Recognizance
was entered forfeited. - The Petitioner further represents that a Capias ad
satisfaciendum was issued to March Term seventeen hundred and Ninety
six against him upon which he was arrested and upon the return of the
said Writ was stopped from taking advantage of his appearance, it being
contradicted by the Records. he therefore prays that the said forfeited
may be remitted. all which circumstances and a recommendation in his
behalf from the Chief and two Associate Justices of Harford County Court
being duly considered, it is ordered that the said forfeiture of fifteen