

Monday June the 12. 1797

The Honble John Johnson appeared in the Council Room.

Ordered by the Governor, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain James Sommersell, forty five pounds, for six months half pay, due the first instant.

Tuesday June the 13. 1797

His Excellency the Governor and The Honble James Thomas and John Johnson appeared in the Council Room.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Rumsey Esquire, fifty pounds, for one quarters Salary as Judge of the Court of Appeals, due the first day of May last.

Wednesday June the 14. 1797

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and The Honble William Hilly, James Thomas and John Johnson.

By the Representation from Washington County Court accompanied by a Transcript of the Proceedings of the said Court it appears that Richard Russell was at December Term 1796 fined on six several presentments for selling Spiritous liquors without licence the sum of six pounds current Money each. The Court state that the said Richard Russell sold the said liquor in the vacation between April and December Terms of seventeen hundred and ninety six and that he was advised that his obtaining a licence at December Term last would justify his selling between the preceding Term and that; that he did accordingly obtain a licence at December Term last. The Court further state that from the situation of the Man it is not improbable that he might have been led into the Error and that the levying the full fine would very much disturb him and his family. They therefore recommended a Remission of one half of the said fines. The Board on consideration of which Circumstances do order and direct that he be discharged from one half of the said fines on payment of Costs of Suit.

Wm Hilly
James Thomas
Jn. Johnson