

Monday October The 9. 1797

The Council met. Present The Honble James Thomas, John Davidson, James Brice and John Johnson.

The Petition of Charles Markin of Charles County being laid before the Board stating that the late Election for Sheriffs of the said County was not conducted fairly and fully equally to the Constitution and Form of Government in which it is prayed that a Day may be appointed for a hearing of the said Petition. It is ordered by the Board that the twenty third day of October instant be and is hereby appointed to hear Evidence on the said Petition and that a Copy of the Petition and of this order be served on Thomas Andrew Dyson the first on the Return made by the Judges of the said Election and that the Clerk of this Board issue Summons for the attendance of such persons as may be required of him by either of the said Parties.

at the request of Charles Markin Summons issued for Francis Newman, Ignatius Matthews, Charles Sewell junior, Benjamin Berry, Brian Smallwood, John Seemack Mudd, and Prior Berry to testify on the hearing before the Governor and Council of the above Complaint.

Commission issued to Cornelius Howard first elected Sheriff of Patuxent County.

Commission issued to Benjamin Hatcher elected Sheriff of Kent County.

Commission issued to Henry Costin elected Sheriff of Lunenburg County.

Tuesday October The 10. 1797

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

Commission issued to Abner White elected Sheriff of Cecil County.

Commission issued to Benjamin White Sons elected Sheriff of Montgomery County.

Commission issued to Henry Lake elected Sheriff of Dorchester County.

Wednesday October The 11. 1797

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