

Wednesday December the 20. 1797

The Council met. Present His Excellency The Governor and all The Members.

Ryrie Davis was appointed Justice for Washington County and Commission issued to him accordingly.

Thomas Bullin was appointed Justice for Talbot County and Commission issued to him accordingly.

Commission issued to the following persons appointed Justices of the Peace for the respective Counties, to wit.

Kent County

John Thomas, Richard Hyson, John Maxwell, William Thomas, William Ringgold, John Page, Duke Telden, Junior, William Spencer, John Comery, John Boldy, Richard Tilghman, & Philip Brooker, William Brewster, James Bowens, James Parker, Joseph Williams, Moses Peisec, John Lamb, James Smith and John Ireland. John Hurt Senior

Washington County

John Barnes, John Feller, Alexander Clagitt, Squater Taylor, Thomas Hampton, Matthew Vanlear, William Good, Adam St. Richard Fremwell, Lancelot Jaques, Robert Hughes, John Petchie, John Downey, Samuel Ringgold, Ephras Beall, Thomas Brent, Jacob Schnibly, William Vanlear and Benjamin Tyson.

Alleghany County

James Patter, John Hodge Bayard, John Reid, Ovid M. Fracker, John Simkins, Jesse Tomlinson, Aquila Bull Browne, Joseph Fuser, John Hayes, William Shaw, Coan Gwin, Robert Armstrong, Daniel Fitter, Andrew Bruce, John F. Beatty, Able Sargent, Patrick Muddock, Benjamin Tomlinson, and Aja Beall.

Somerset County

Lion Woodford, George Waters, William Stearns, William Stone, Samuel Smyly, Francis M. Waters, John Leatherbury, William Jones, Monakin, James Bennett, John F. Wilson, John Wilkins, Samuel Wilson, Monie, John Stewart, Monakin, John M. Plaster, Henry James Carroll, Lambert Hyland, Tubman Lewis, Thomas Mandy Gellis, William Pufsum, William Williams, Doctor Francis Tubman Chiny.

By the Petition of Benjamin Polk accompanied by a Transcript of the Proceedings of the Court of Somerset County, it appears that he was fined on eight several presentments the sum of six pounds for selling spiritous liquors without licence. The Petitioner states that the said Presentments were founded upon the testimony of a single Witness by the name of James Daskill a School Master who boarded in the family of the Petitioner. That the said James Daskill repeatedly applied to the Petitioner for Spirit by the Pint but was refused as he had received no licence for that purpose, until at length by the frequent importunities of the said James and by his positive assurance that there would be nothing illegal in it as the said James was one of the family the Petitioner was induced to purchase a small quantity of Spirit and sold eight Points of the same to the said James at the just cost. He therefore prays a Remission of the said fine. The Board on consideration of which and from the Recommendation of the