

Four Thousand Blank Marriage licences were delivered to the Treasurer of the Western Shore and two thousand were transmitted to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, and Notice thereof was given to the Clerks of the respective Counties.

By the Petition of Jesse Dungan of Harford County it appears that he was punished at March Term five hundred and Ninety seven for not keeping a Bridge over his Mill Race in repair and was fined by the Court of the said County the sum of twenty pounds. The Petitioner states that he is at this time unable to pay it without distressing his Wife and family. He therefore prays a Remission of the said fine. The Board on consideration of the circumstances disclosed and from a Recommendation of the Court of the said County do order and direct that he be released from the said forfeiture.

James Thomas  
Jonathan P. Wilmer  
John Johnson

Wednesday April the 11. 1798

The Council met Present His Excellency the Governor and The Honble John Davidson, Jonathan P. Wilmer, Arthur Shaaff and John Johnson.

Benjamin Wails was appointed Colonel for Somerset County in the room of Thomas Skinner resigned and Commission issued to him accordingly.

Baker Johnson was appointed a Judge of the Orphans Court for Frederick County in the room of William M. Brall resigned and Commission issued accordingly to Upton Skeddine, Francis B. Sappington and Baker Johnson as Judges of the Orphans Court for said County.

By the Petition of Edward Smith of Dorchester County accompanied by a Transcript of the Proceedings of the Court of the County of Caroline it appears that he was punished at October Term 1786 on two several Indictments for selling liquors contrary to law and was by the said Court at October Term last fined the sum of six pounds current Money on each amounting in the whole to the sum of twelve pounds. The Petitioner states that the place where the said Offences were committed was at a Pattation meeting at Manships Old Fields which altho in Caroline County was in his Neighbourhood. That being a Tavern Keeper in Dorchester County he did not conceive that his retailing liquors at the said meeting would be a violation of the law. That it was a frequent practice and that excepting in his case no notice had been taken of it. The Petitioner further states that he is poor and has a large family to support. He therefore prays to be released from the said fines. The Board on consideration of which circumstances and from the recommendation of the Court of the said County do remit the same.

John Davidson  
Jonathan P. Wilmer  
Arthur Shaaff  
John Johnson

Thursday April the 12. 1798

The Council met Present The Honble John Davidson, Jonathan P. Wilmer and Arthur Shaaff. Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Frederick Gunn Esquire Printer to the State the sum of twenty two pounds ten Shillings for printing six thousand Marriage licences on an account passed by the Auditor.