

Tuesday December the 15. 1801

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

By the Petition of James Hays and Daniel McEvers of Frederick County accompanied by a Transcript from the Proceedings of Frederick County Court it appears that they were presented at March Term last in five several presentments for selling spirituous liquors by the Pint and were at November Term last fined five pounds in each of the said cases. The Petitioners state that they had at the time the above offences were committed a licence to retail foreign spirits and wine, which they thought was sufficient to authorize them to retail in all cases. They state that they are foreigners and as they violated the law through ignorance they pray for a Remission of the above fines. The Board on consideration of which circumstances and from the recommendation of the Court and several respectable persons inhabitants of the said County do remit the said fines.

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By the Petition of Francis Clarke of Frederick County accompanied by a Transcript from the Proceedings of the Court of the said County it appears that he was presented at March Term last in nine several presentments for retailing spirituous liquors by the Pint without licence and was fined at last November Term the sum of six pounds in each case. The Petitioner states that he had at the time the above offences were committed a Permit from the General Government and also one from one of the Associate Justices of the said Court which last mentioned permit he thought authorized him to retail for twelve Months. He states that he is a foreigner and that as the violation of the law proceeded from ignorance he prays to be released from the said fines. The Board on consideration of which circumstances and from the Recommendation of the Court and two of the Peace do order and direct that the said Francis Clarke be released from the above fines.

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The Council resumed the consideration of the Appointment of Justices of the Peace and other Officers directed by the Constitution and laws to be appointed annually, and not having come to a conclusion postponed the further consideration thereof till To Morrow.

John F. M.