

Wednesday December 28/1803

The Council met Pursuant His Excellency the Governor and all the Council

The Council viewed the consideration of the appointment of Justices of the Peace and other officers provided by the Constitution and laws to be appointed annually and not having come to a conclusion postponed the further consideration thereof till to morrow

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Friday December the 30/1803

The Council met Pursuant His Excellency the Governor and The Honble Allen B. Buckell, Prorogues G. K. K. K. David for David and David H. H.

By the Petition of Newell Brown of the City of Baltimore it appears that he entered into a Recognizance on the first day of September 1802 for the appearance of a certain Newell Watter at Baltimore County General Court at November Term following to answer certain charges then to be exhibited against him for assaulting and imprisoning three free persons by the names of Abdalham, Jacob and Poi with an intent to remove them from the State of Maryland. The Petitioner states that he was induced to become the Security in the said Recognizance from motives of humanity towards a stranger who had been introduced to his acquaintance by a respectable friend in Georgia, and whom at the time he believed to be incapable of the crime he was charged with: upon seeing a man who had hitherto sustained a fair reputation in life at a distance from his immediate friends and connections about to be imprisoned in the Public Jail of the County for want of security that he could not deliberate a Moment on the part he ought to act and instantly joined in the Recognizance. The Petitioner further states that he has hitherto declined asking for the interference of the Council in this business as well from an expectation that the said Newell Watter would not permit him to suffer in consequence of his Securityship as from a sincere desire on his part that the said Watter might be obliged to make some atonement in his person for that crime which the Petitioner from subsequent information has reason to believe him guilty of. The Petitioner further states that all hopes of indemnity having failed he has been compelled reluctantly to appeal to the clemency of Government. The Board on consideration of which circumstances and from the recommendation of the Court of the said County amount the whole of the sum of one thousand pounds and twenty two pounds.

Allen B. Buckell David for David