

Saturday February the 29/1812

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and The Honorable John Stephen Thomas W. Hall and Reverdy G. Hiselev.

The Grand Jury for the body of Baltimore County having represented to the Governor and Council certain lawless and violent conduct of Thomas Cokey of which he was alleged to have been guilty while acting in his capacity as a Justice of Peace for said County and having prayed that said Cokey may be removed from said office, it was ordered that he be notified of the contents of said representation in order that he might produce such evidence with a view to his exculpation as should be in his power to procure. The said Cokey appeared agreeably to his notification, and was fully heard in his defence, and immediately thereafter resigned his Commission, while his case was held under advisement, with a view to a final decision upon the charges exhibited against him.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Purian Pinkney forty one Dollars and seventy five cents as per account passed by the Auditor.

By the Petition of Philip Walter and Jacob Walter it appears that they were fined by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County at January Term last the sum of seventy five Dollars each for a faulting and beating Michael Hummel. The Petitioners state that their Brother Charles Walter intermarried sometime past with a certain Elizabeth Heide, the foster of said Hummel, who had before, been lawfully married to a certain Philip Heide and never had been divorced. That the said Philip Heide, at the time of said Elizabeths marriage with said Charles Walter was and still is living: that the said Charles Walter departed this life intestate and without issue on the eighteenth day of August last. That on the day of his interment, at least three or four Hours prior thereto, said Hummel, on the part of said Elizabeth Heide (a laiz Elizabeth Walter) applied to the orphan Court of Baltimore County for letters of Administration on the deceased estate: that John Walter the Elder Brother of the deceased preferred a counter Petition to said Court setting forth that the said Elizabeth was not the lawful Wife of the deceased: that said Court thereupon proceeded to an investigation of the facts relative to her Marriage with the deceased, and being satisfied from the testimony that was exhibited to them, that said marriage was illegal & void.