

By the Petition of Osborn Belt Junior of Prince Georges County accompanied by a transcrip-
tion from the proceedings of the Court of the said County it appears that he, Charles Duwall
is since dead and negroes Zelah Milley and vintenda entered into a recognizance in the
sum of thirty Dollars each for the appearance of the said negroes Zelah Milley and vin-
tenda at the said Court at April term eighteen hundred and thirteen. The Petition
states that being confined to his bed by sickness at the said term he sent for the said
negroes and directed them to go down to the Court and speak to a Lawyer to have their
appearance entered and if Mr Thomas Duwall at whose instance they had been recogniz-
ed did not appear against them to obtain their discharge. That the said Negroes did go down
to the said Court and meeting with said Thomas Duwall he informed them that they
might go home that he should not claim a renewal of the recognizance and that if
they behaved themselves he would not trouble them any more. That the Negroes
supposing that they had nothing further to do at Court ignorantly left the same
without having their appearance entered whereby the said recognizance was at that
term respited and at September term eighteen hundred and thirteen the same was
perfected. The Board on consideration of which circumstances and from the recommen-
dation of the Court of the said County do release the said Osborn Belt Charles Duwall
negroes Zelah Milley and vintenda from the said forfeitures of thirty Dollars

Alexander Contee Magruder

Samuel Ridout

John Murray

The Council postponed the further consideration of Justices of the Peace and other
officers of Annual appointment till tomorrow.

Tuesday January the 3^d 1815

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Alex-
ander Contee Magruder, Samuel Ridout and John Murray.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Lusby seven
Dollars and fifty Cents for going exprep to Baltimore as per account papered and filed.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Crane Paym-
aster to the 21st Regiment three hundred and ten Dollars and fifty four and an